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## AMETHYST

### PRINCESS OF GEMWORLD





THERE IS MAGIC, THE STUFF OF DREAMS... AND  
THERE IS A GIRL FOR WHOM MAGIC IS REAL!

SHE IS AMY WINSTON, A CHILD OF EARTH--  
BUT SHE IS ALSO THE ORPHANED HEIR  
TO A MYSTIC THRONE...

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AMY, WAIT UP!  
HEY, AMES!

ARE YOU  
GOING DEAF  
OR SOME-  
THING?



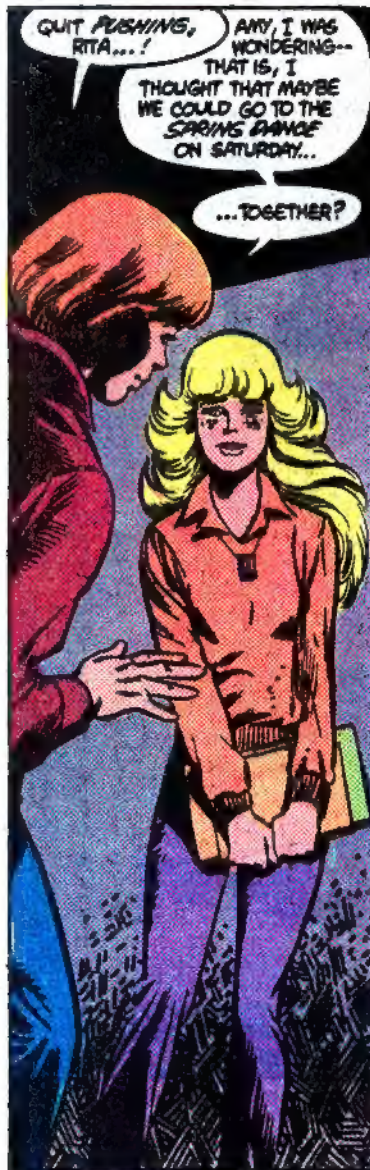
WHAT--? OH, SORRY, RITA,  
I WAS JUST, UM--  
THINKING!

YEAH,  
I'LL  
BET!



GO AHEAD, TOM--  
TALK TO HER!

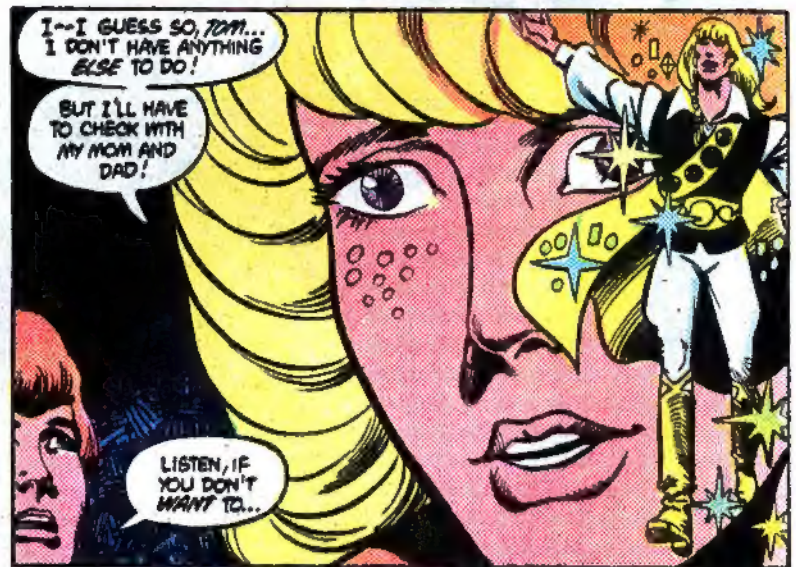
HUM?



QUIT PUSHING,  
RITA...

AMY, I WAS WONDERING--  
THAT IS, I  
THOUGHT THAT MAYBE  
WE COULD GO TO THE  
SPRING DANCE  
ON SATURDAY...

...TOGETHER?



I--I GUESS SO, TOM...  
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING  
ELSE TO DO!

BUT I'LL HAVE  
TO CHECK WITH  
MY MOM AND  
DAD!

LISTEN, IF  
YOU DON'T  
WANT TO...



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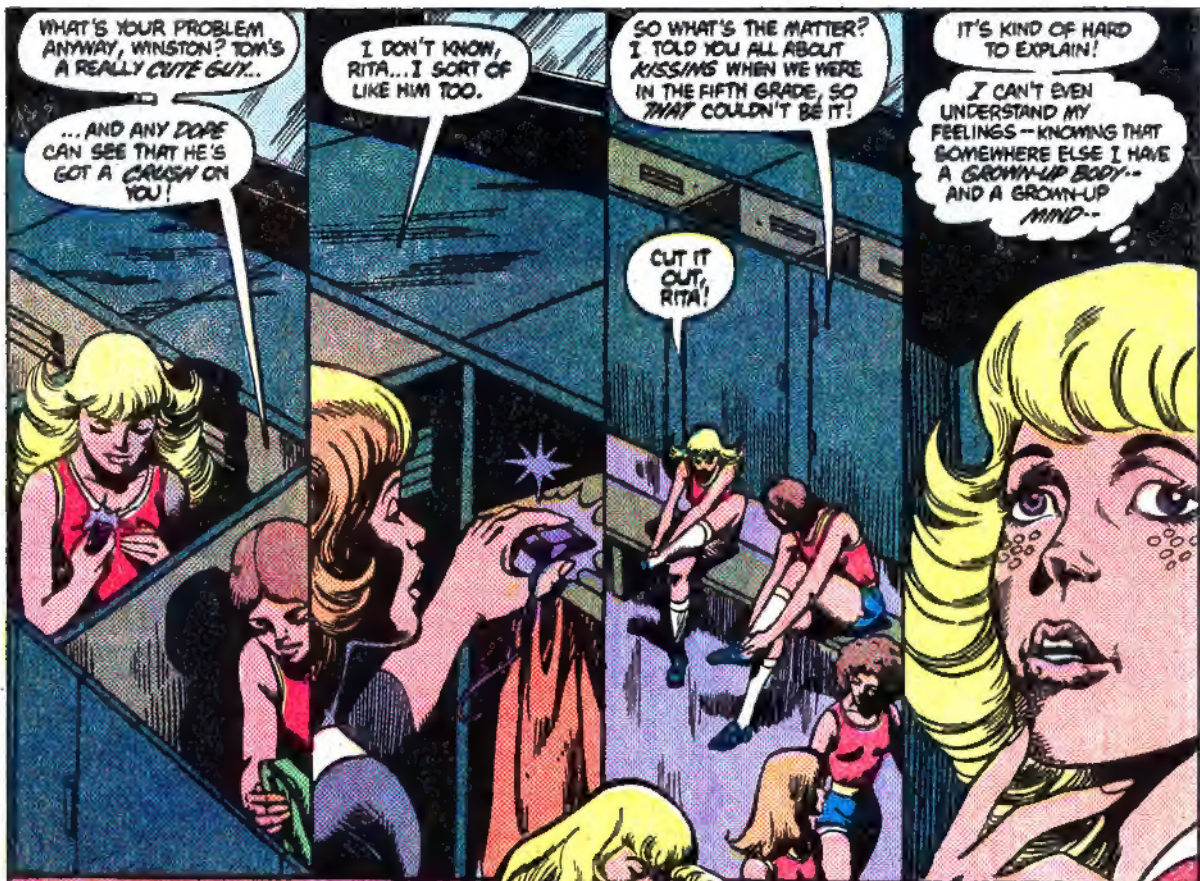


NO, I DO WANT TO GO--  
BUT RITA AND I HAVE  
GONN NOW...

...AND IF WE'RE  
LATE, MS. THORPE'LL  
SKIN US ALIVE!

'BYE!





WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM ANYWAY, WINSTON? TOM'S A REALLY CUTE GUY...

I DON'T KNOW, RITA... I SORT OF LIKE HIM TOO.

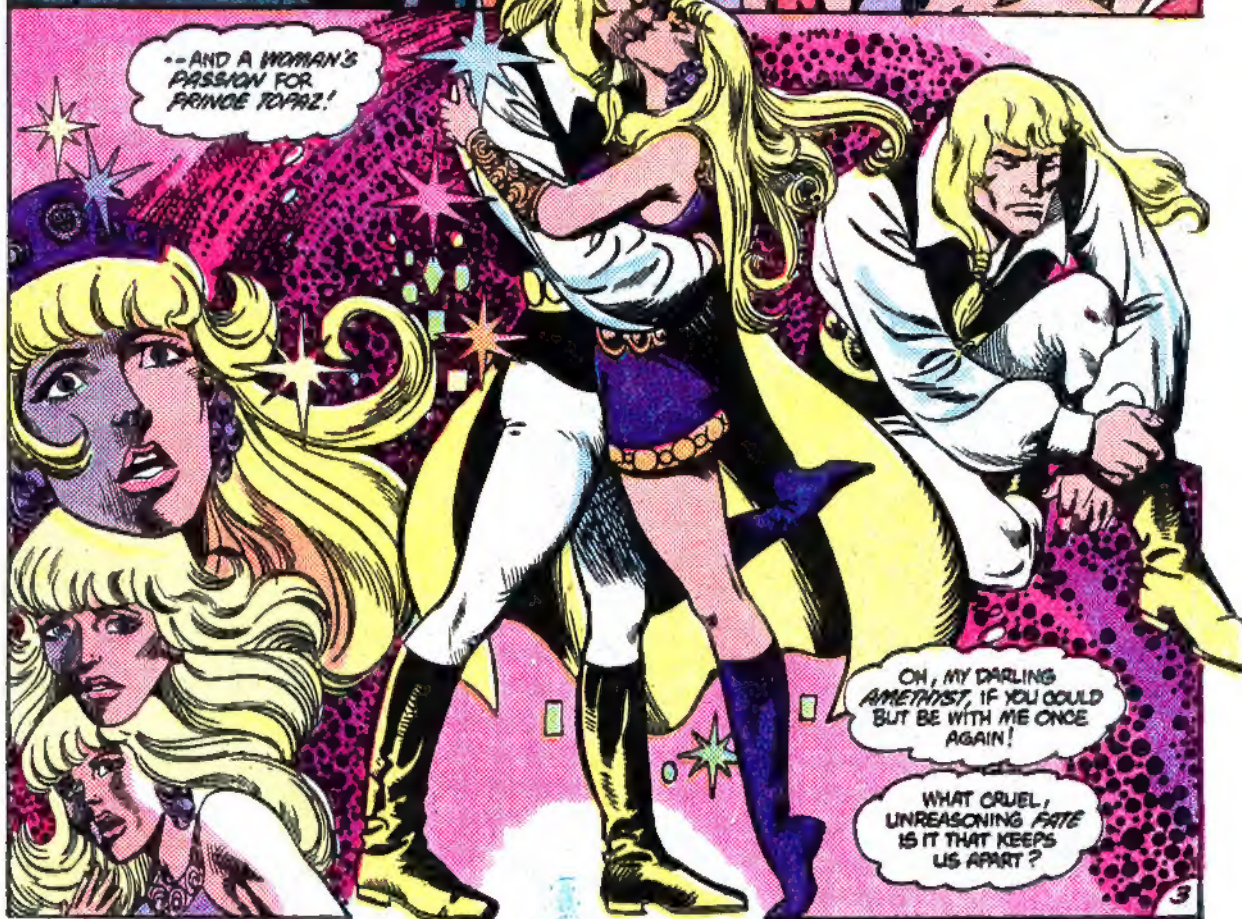
SO WHAT'S THE MATTER? I TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT KISSING WHEN WE WERE IN THE FIFTH GRADE, SO THAT COULDN'T BE IT!

IT'S KIND OF HARD TO EXPLAIN!

I CAN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS -- KNOWING THAT SOMEWHERE ELSE I HAVE A GROWN-UP BODY... AND A GROWN-UP MIND...

CUT IT OUT, RITA!

--AND A WOMAN'S PASSION FOR PRINCE TOYAZ!



OH, MY DARLING AMETHYST, IF YOU COULD BUT BE WITH ME ONCE AGAIN!

WHAT CRUEL, UNREASONING FATE IS IT THAT KEEPS US APART?









FORGIVE MY WANDERING,  
DEAR LADY...

I UNDERSTAND,  
TOPAZ.

THEN LET US JOIN THE OTHER  
GUESTS SO THAT YOUR RADIANCE  
MAY BRIGTHEN THEIR HEARTS--

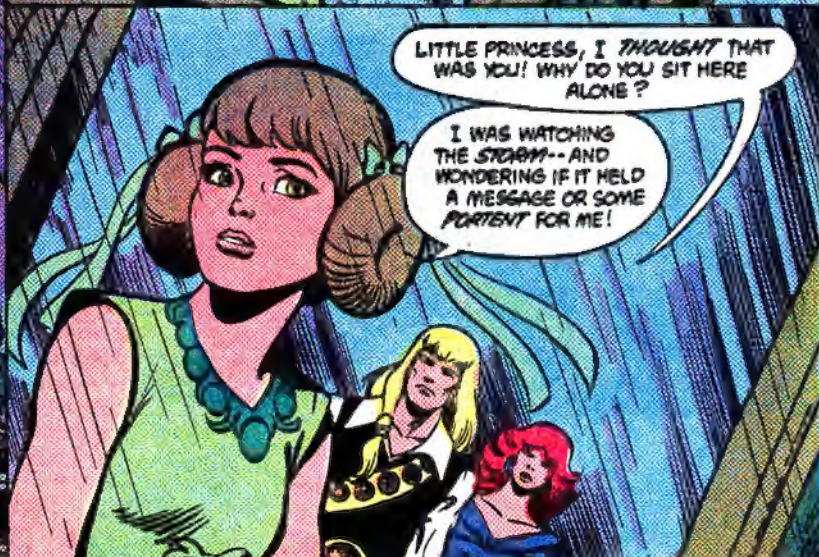
--AND DISPEL THE  
DARK WITHOUT!



BUT THE SHROUD OF GLOOM  
HANGS HEAVILY AROUND THE  
EMERALD DOMAIN,  
DIMMING THE LIGHTEST  
SPIRIT...



...A REMINDER OF THE  
SOLEMN SORROW THAT HAS  
BROUGHT THE ARMY  
EMERALD--NOW NUMBERING  
ONLY TWO--TO THIS OCCASION!



LITTLE PRINCESS, I THOUGHT THAT  
WAS YOU! WHY DO YOU SIT HERE  
ALONE?

I WAS WATCHING  
THE STORM--AND  
WONDERING IF IT HELD  
A MESSAGE OR SOME  
PORTENT FOR ME!



IT IS INDEED A DREARY DAY  
FOR YOUR SISTER TO BECOME  
THE NEW LADY EMERALD!



I THINK PERHAPS THE  
HEAVENS ARE CRYING  
FOR MY MOTHER AND MY  
ELDEST SISTER--

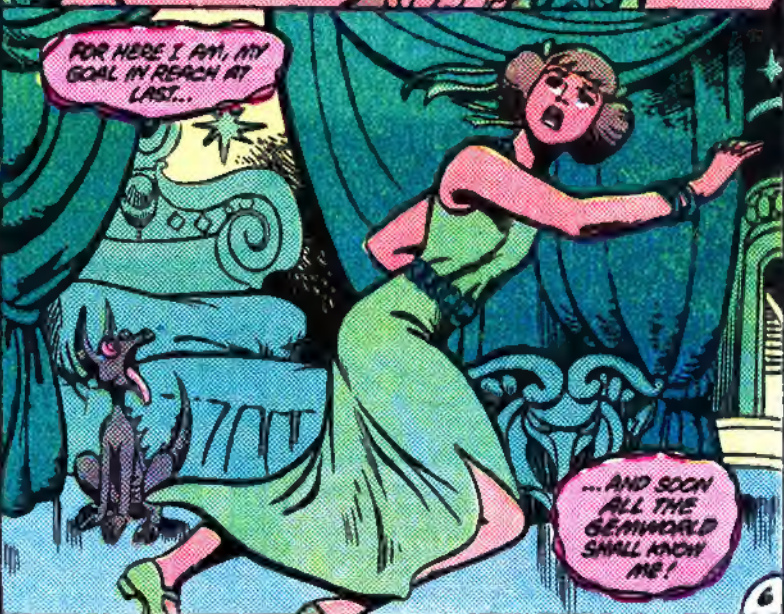
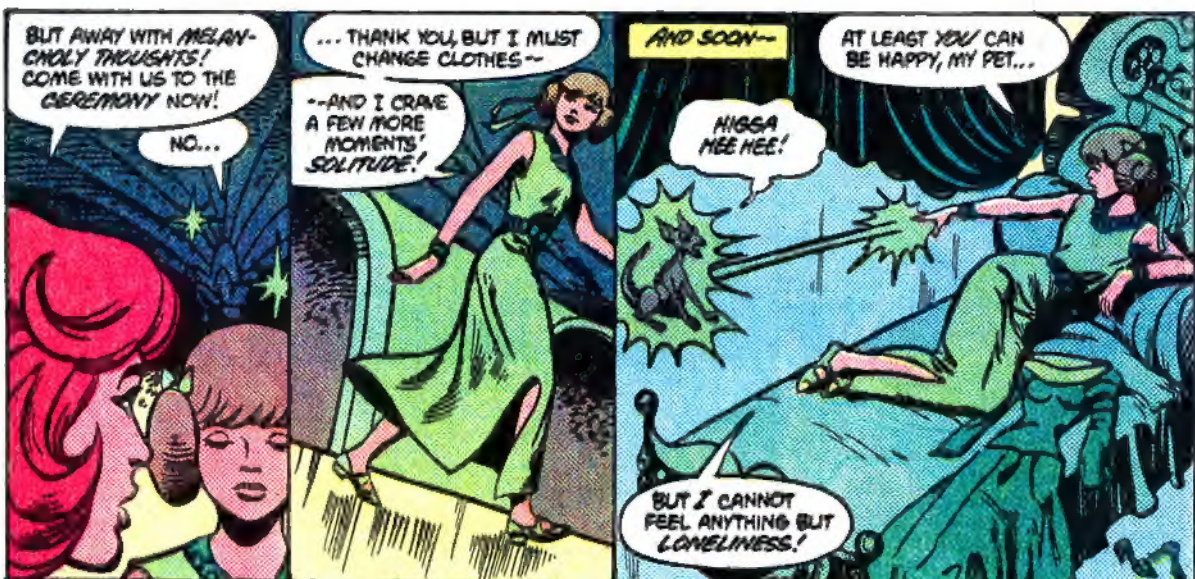
--THEIR LIVES UNTIMELY  
TAKEN IN THE WAR AGAINST  
DARK OPAL!



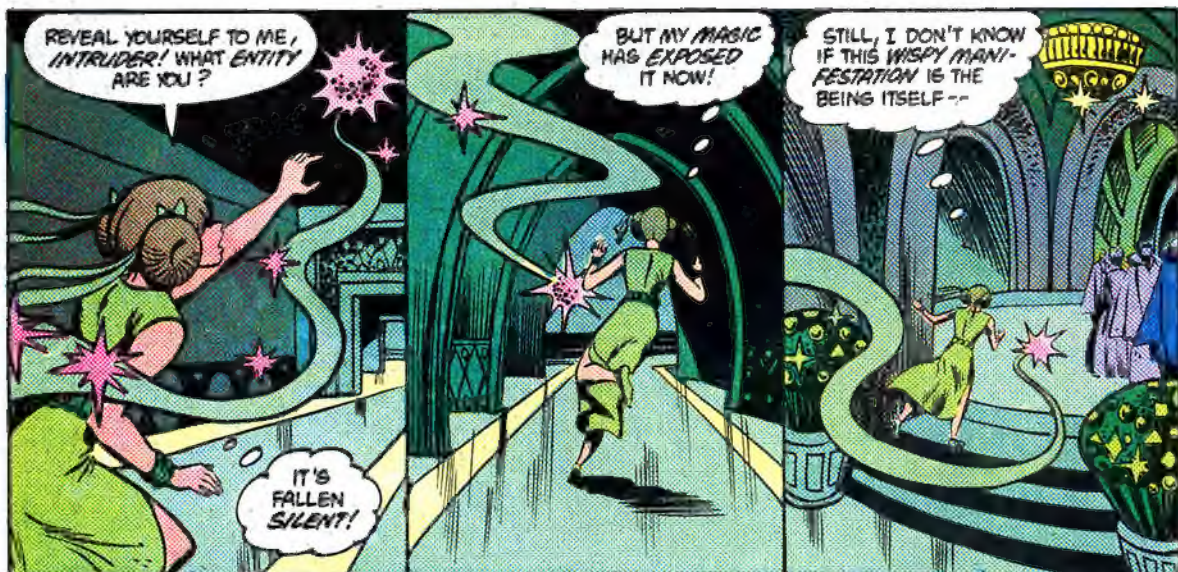
IF SO, THE HEAVENS'  
SADNESS IS OF GREAT  
PROPORTION--

--FOR THE STORM  
HAS RAGED FOR  
SEVEN DAYS WITHOUT  
SURCEASE!







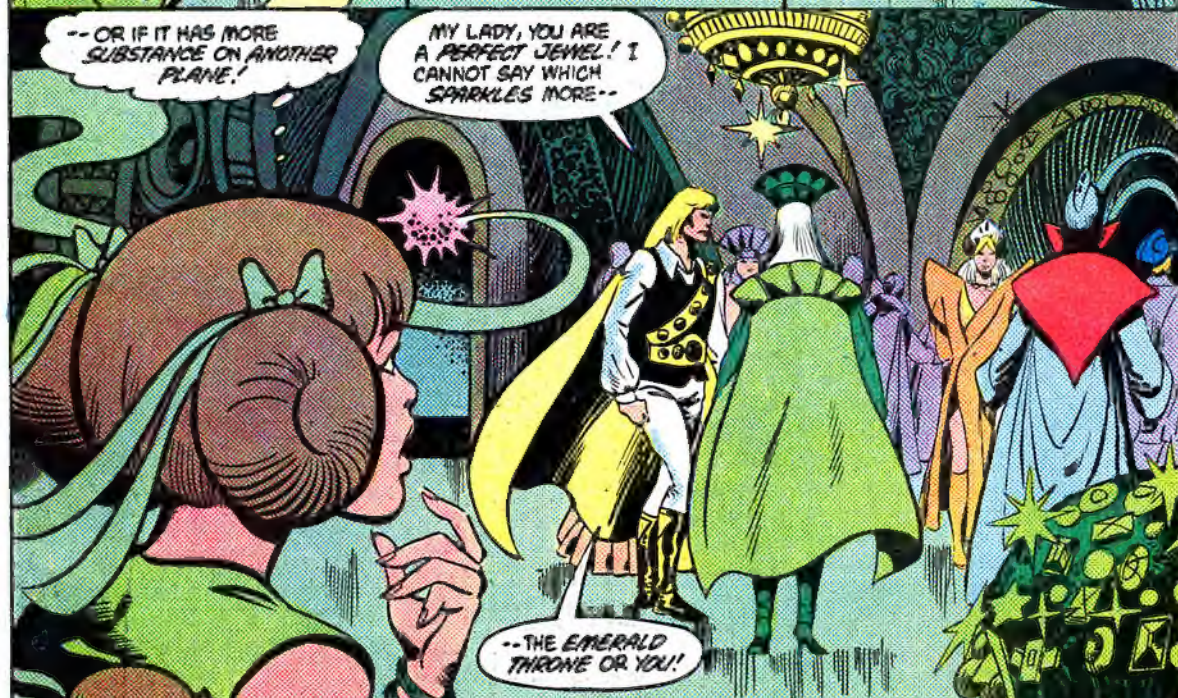


REVEAL YOURSELF TO ME,  
INTRUDER! WHAT ENTITY  
ARE YOU?

BUT MY MAGIC  
HAS EXPOSED  
IT NOW!

STILL, I DON'T KNOW  
IF THIS WISPY MANI-  
FESTATION IS THE  
BEING ITSELF --

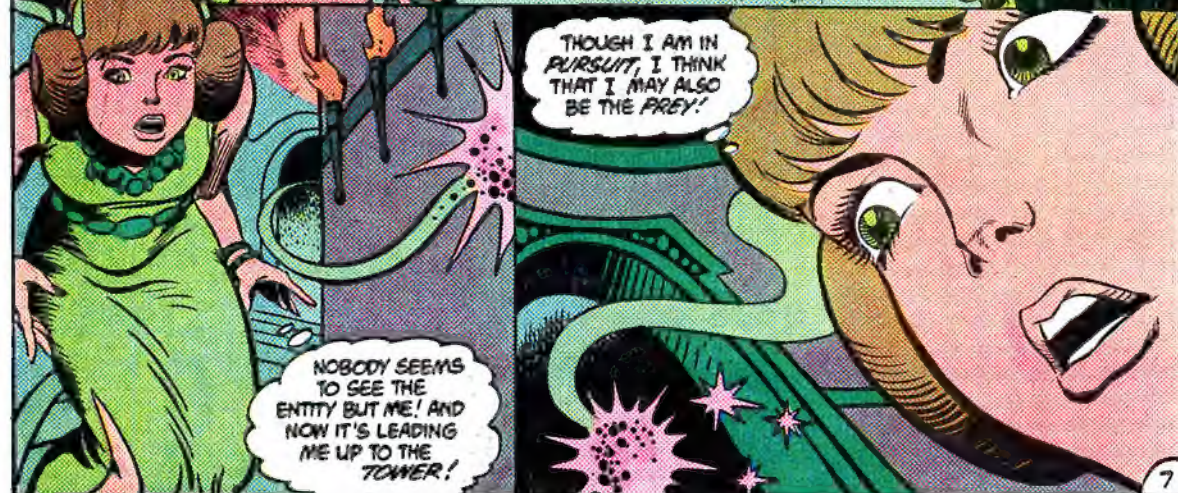
IT'S  
FALLEN  
SILENT!



--OR IF IT HAS MORE  
SUBSTANCE ON ANOTHER  
PLANE!

MY LADY, YOU ARE  
A PERFECT JEWEL! I  
CANNOT SAY WHICH  
SPARKLES MORE--

--THE EMERALD  
THRONE OR YOU!



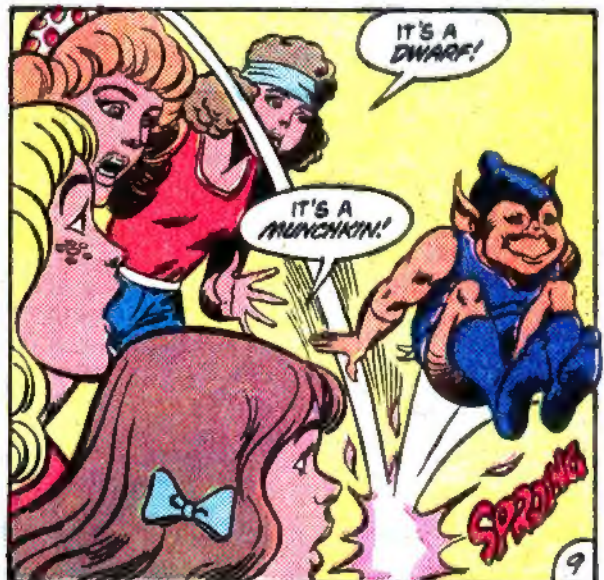
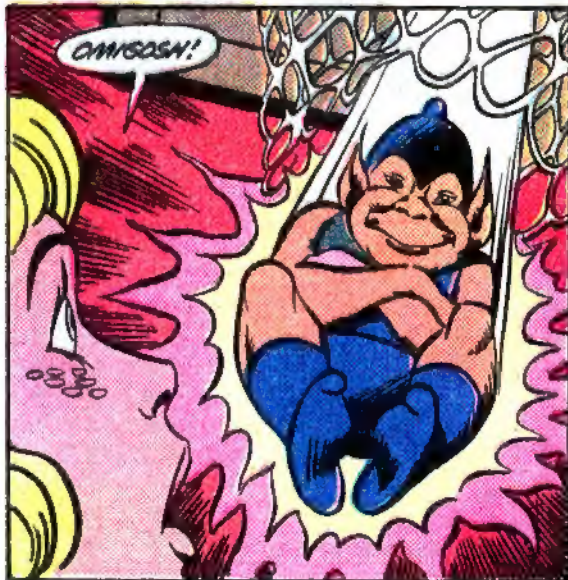
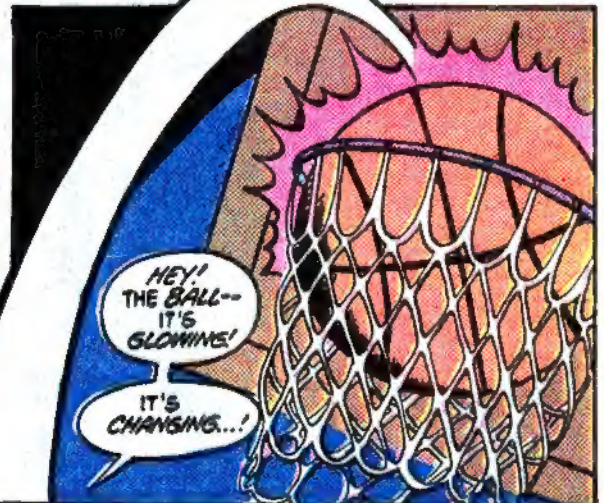
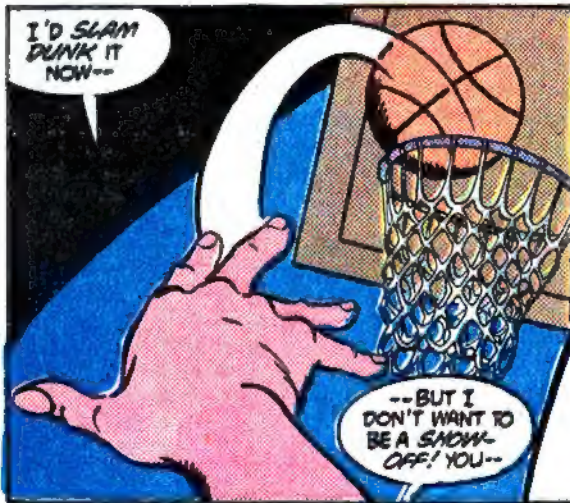
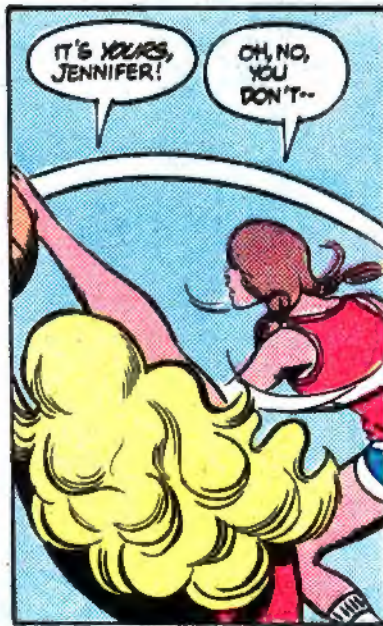
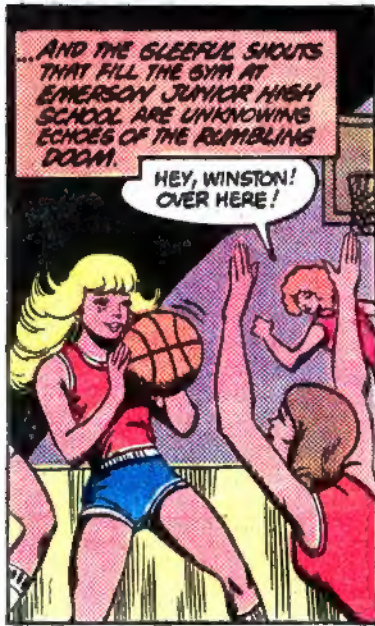
THOUGH I AM IN  
PURSUIT, I THINK  
THAT I MAY ALSO  
BE THE PREY!

NOBODY SEEMS  
TO SEE THE  
ENTITY BUT ME! AND  
NOW IT'S LEADING  
ME UP TO THE  
TOWER!

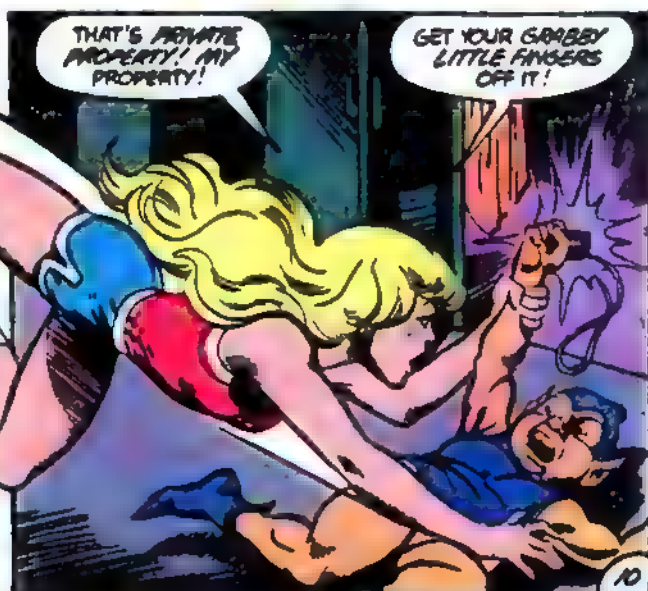
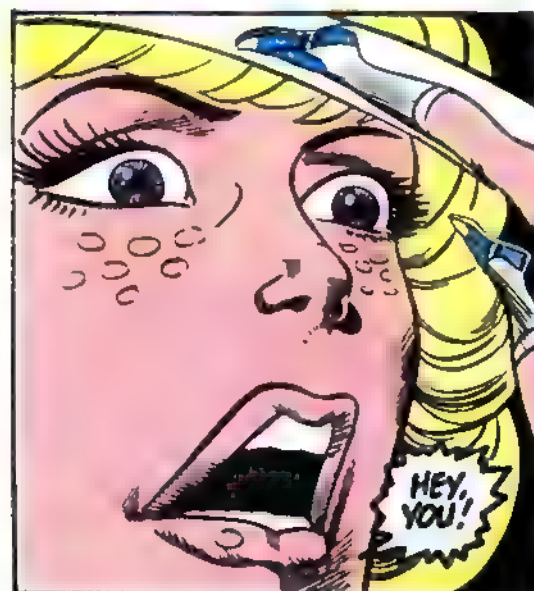
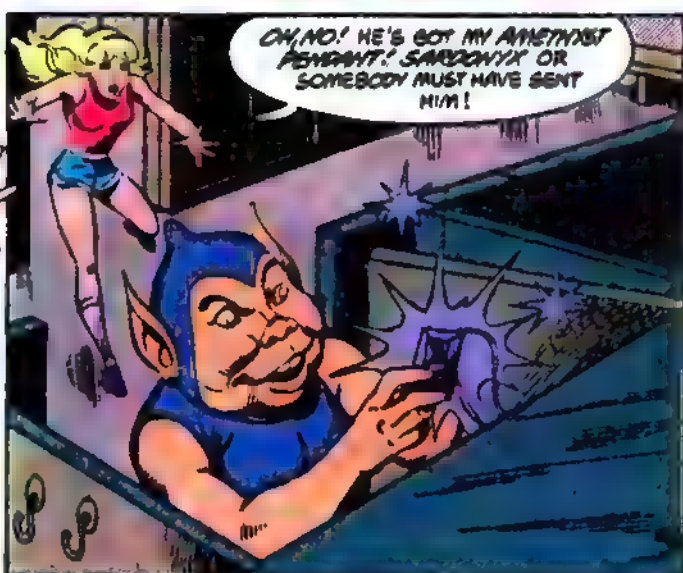
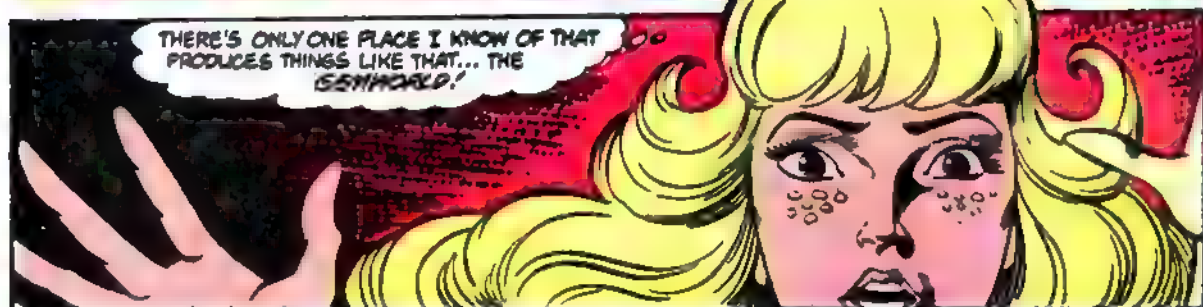






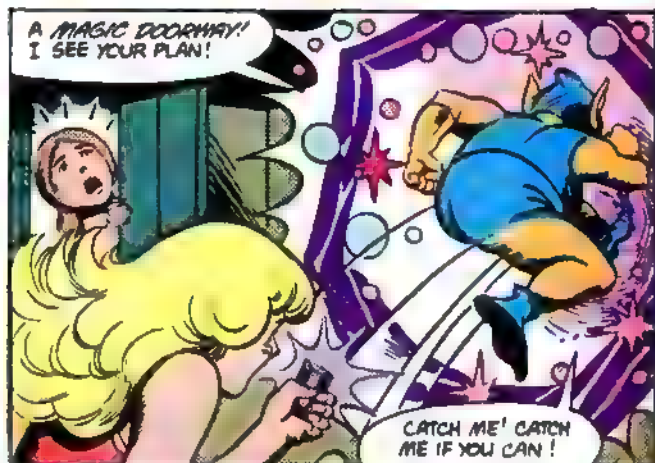
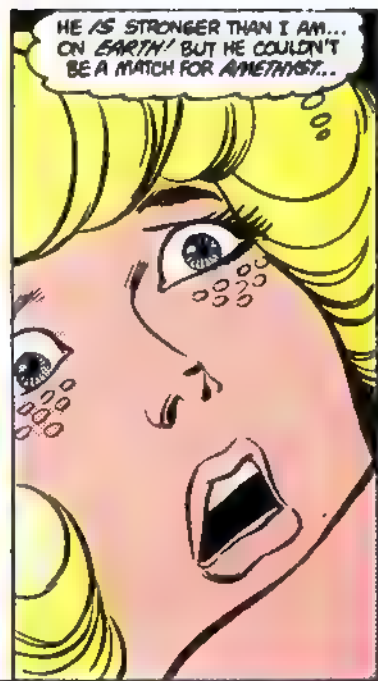




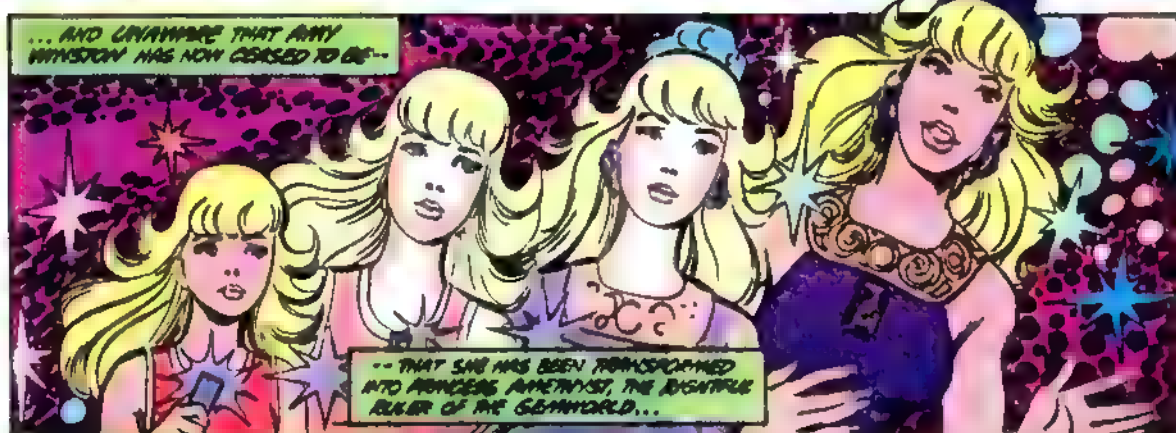
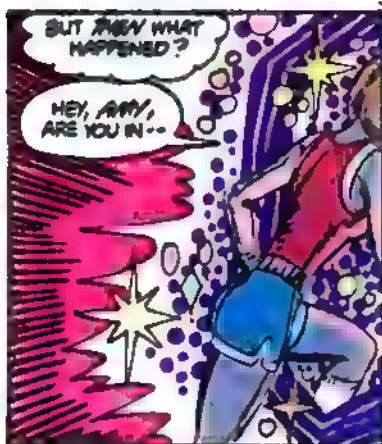
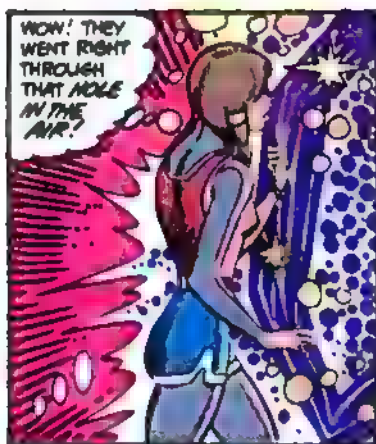


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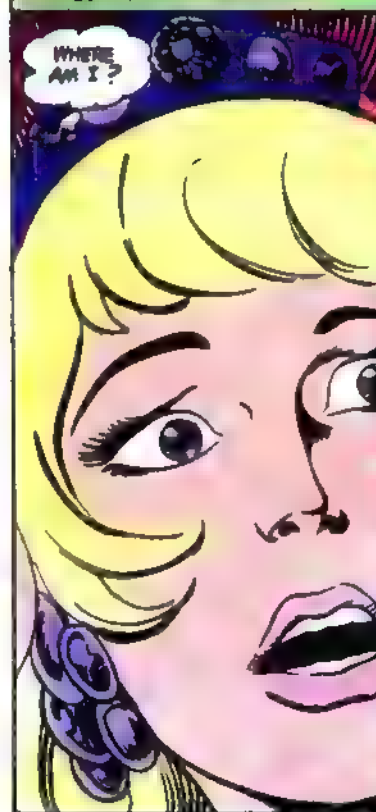








... A LAND WHERE SURPRISE MAY BE THE ONLY CERTAINTY!





THE DWARVES!

YOU WERE ABLE TO GET TO EARTH ON YOUR OWN, SO I GUESS I SHOULDN'T BE SHOCKED THAT YOU COULD MANIPULATE MY GEM PORTAL --

--AND HAVE IT TAKE US WHERE YOU WANTED TO GO!

BUT I'VE HAD TO FACE SOMETHINGS NEW WHENEVER I'VE COME TO THE GEMWORLD!

AFTER ALL I'VE SEEN AND DONE, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SCARE ME WITH A FEW GEMMINGS!

WE KNOW YOU LABORED FOR US ALL -- DARK OPAL'S REIGN YOU CAUSED TO FALL! OH, DEEDS LIKE YOURS ARE LEGENDS MADE, AND THAT IS WHY WE SOUGHT YOUR AID!

MY AID? TRYING TO STEAL MY GEM-STONE IS A FUNNY WAY TO ASK FOR HELP!

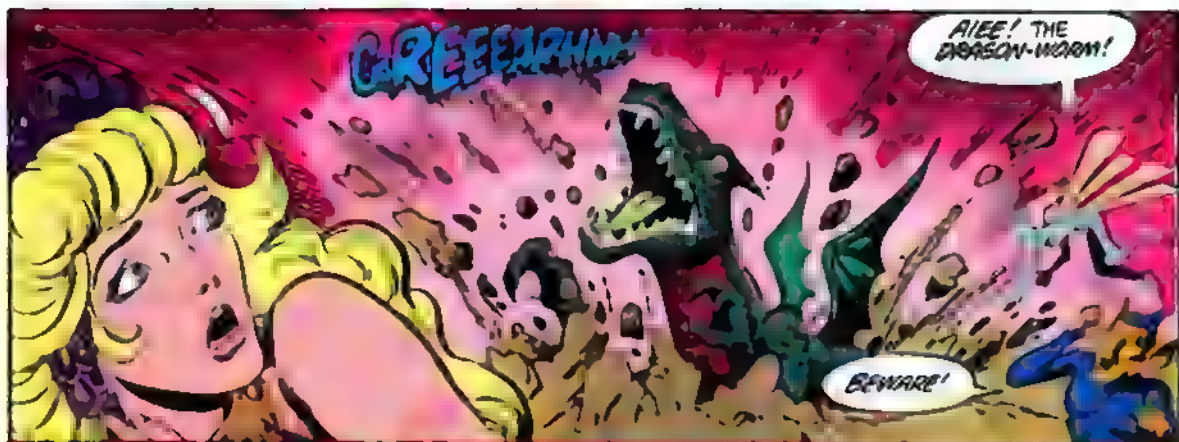
WITH TRICKERY I LURED YOU HERE! THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY, I FEAR!

IF SO, THEN I APOLO--

EH?

WOULD YOU HAVE HELPED US OTHERWISE?





GREENEARTH

AIEE! THE  
DRAGON-WORM!

BEWARE!



DRAGON

THIS "DRAGON-WORM" IS  
REAROUNDING THEM! IT MUST  
BE THE REASON THEY WANTED  
TO BRING ME HERE!

BUT I'LL GET A WELL-  
PLACED BLAST OF  
MAGIC ENERGY--



-- WILL MAKE IT  
THINK TWICE  
ABOUT CON-  
TINUING ITS  
RAMPAGE!

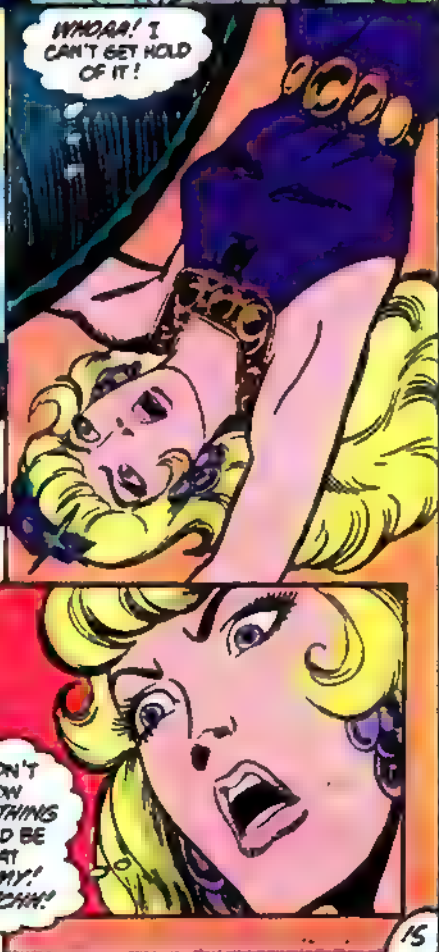
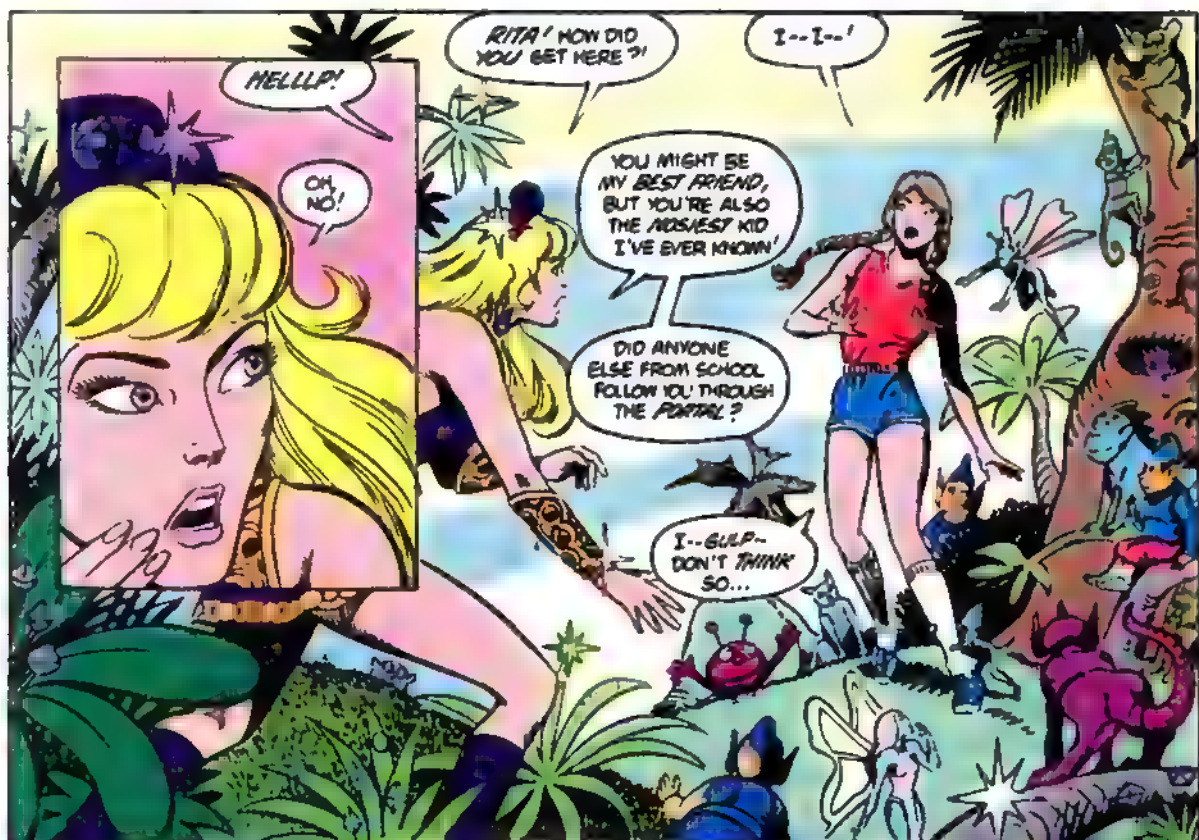
UH-OH! I HARDLY  
FACED IT!

AND IT'S SHREDDING EVERY  
FLOWER THAT IT TOUCHES!

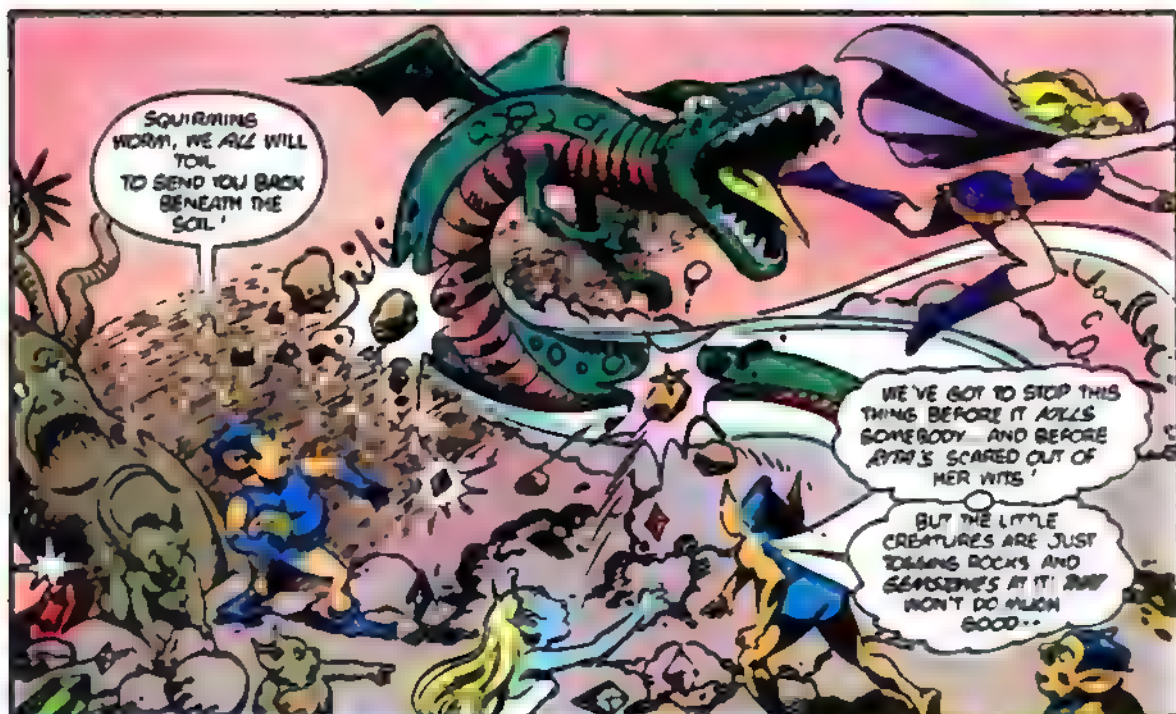
I SURE DON'T  
WANT TO FIND  
OUT WHAT IT'D  
DO TO A  
PERSON!

BEWARE!  
THE WORM THAT  
IT'S BREATHING  
OUT SHELLS  
AWAY!





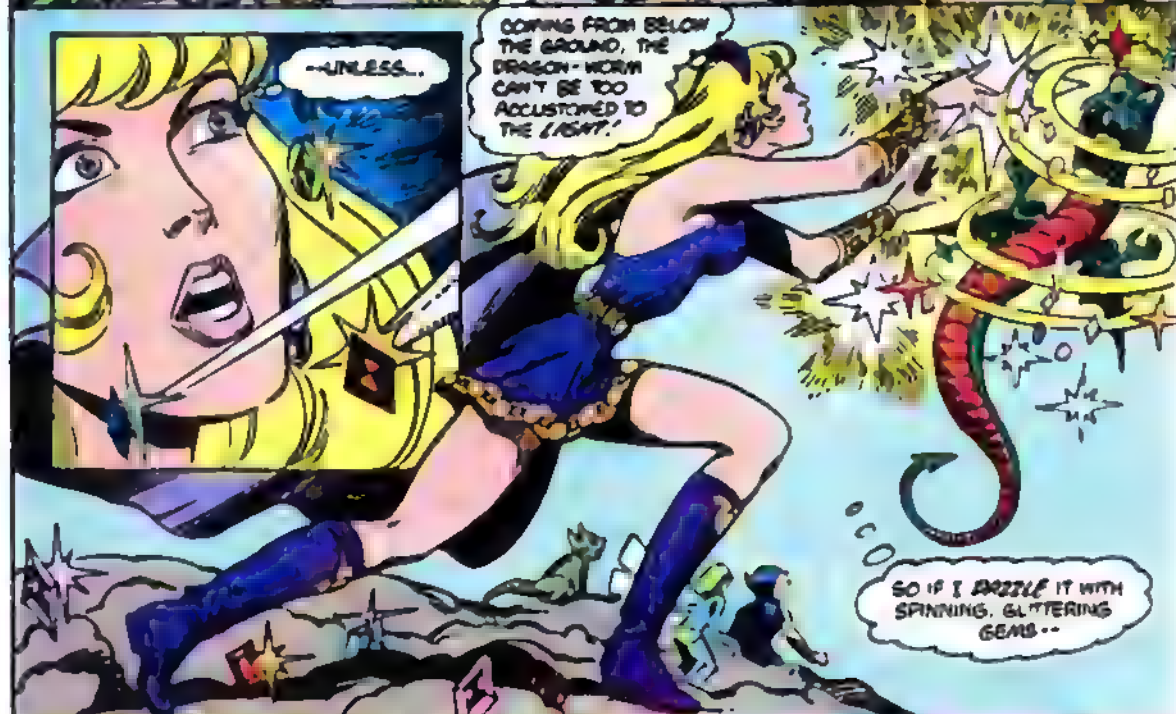




SQUIRMING  
WORM, WE ALL WILL  
TRY  
TO SEND YOU BACK  
BENEATH THE  
SOIL!

WE'VE GOT TO STOP THIS  
THING BEFORE IT KILLS  
SOMEBODY... AND BEFORE  
RYTHA'S SCARED OUT OF  
HER WITS!

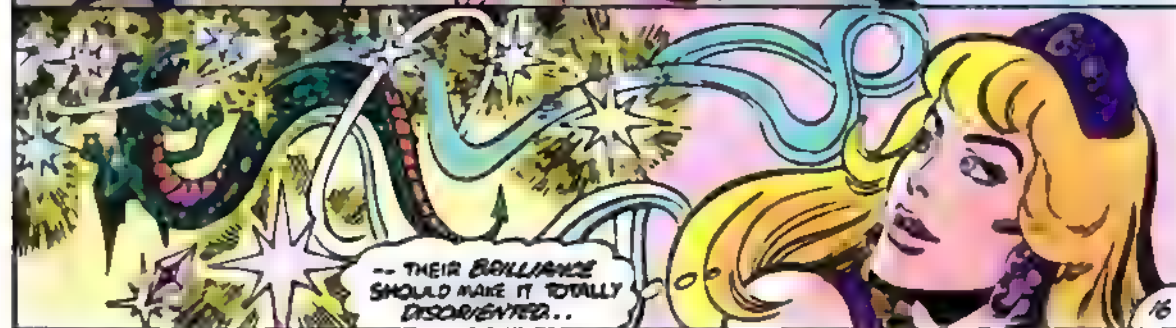
BUT THE LITTLE  
CREATURES ARE JUST  
TOSSENG ROCKS AND  
GEARS-- IT'S NOT  
WONT DO MUCH  
GOOD--



--UNLESS--

COMING FROM BELOW  
THE GROUND, THE  
DRAGON-WORM  
CAN'T BE TOO  
ACCUSTOMED TO  
THE LIGHT!

SO IF I BRITZLE IT WITH  
SPINNING, GLITTERING  
GEARS--



-- THEIR BRILLIANCE  
SHOULD MAKE IT TOTALLY  
DISORIENTED...





... AND SEND IT  
DIVING FOR  
COVER.

AMY!  
ARE--ARE  
YOU SURE  
I'M SAFE  
IN--



AA-HEY--!  
AMY?!?

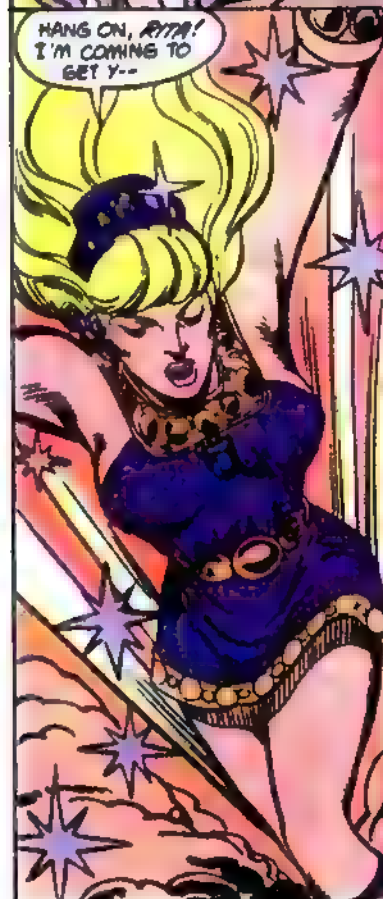


THE DIRT THAT FLEW  
OUT OF THE DRAGON-  
WORM'S NEW BURROW  
FORMED THAT GIANT  
HAND!

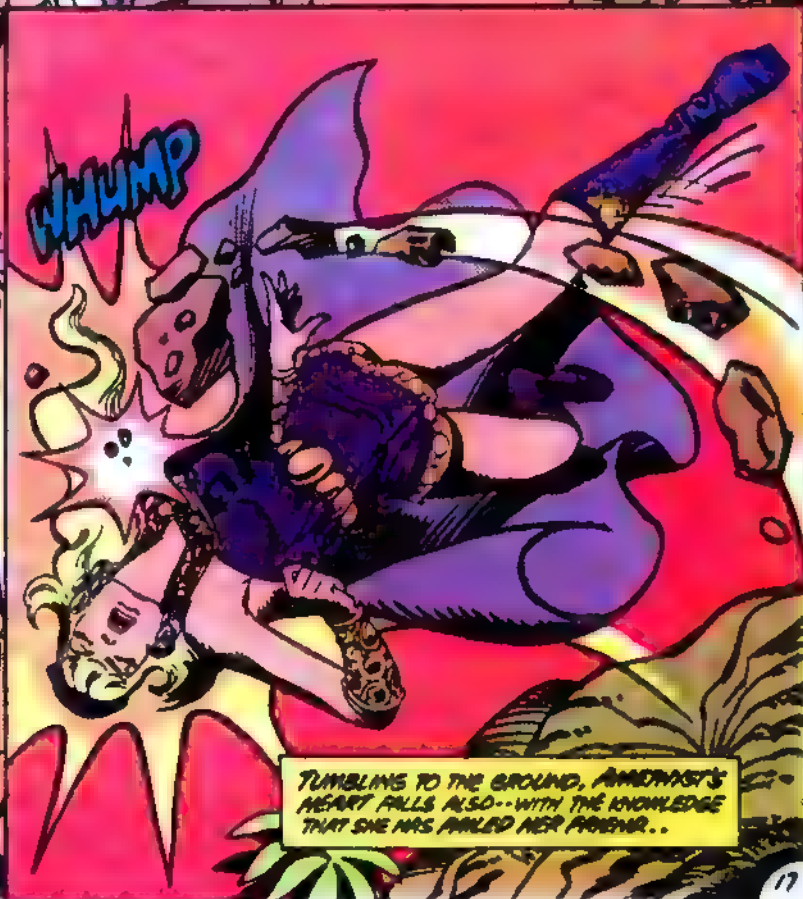


IF THE DWARF AND  
HIS LITTLE FRIENDS  
ARE BEHIND THAT TOO,  
THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE  
A LOT OF EXPLAINING  
TO DO!

BUT  
FIRST  
THINGS  
FIRST!



HANG ON, RITA!  
I'M COMING TO  
GET Y--



WHUMP

TUMBLING TO THE GROUND, AMETHYST'S  
HEART FALLS ALSO--WITH THE KNOWLEDGE  
THAT SHE HAD FAILED HER FRIEND..



... WHILE ELSEWHERE OTHER HEARTS  
REFLECT THE TURMOIL OF A STORM  
THAT WILL NOT YIELD.

PRINCESS  
EMERALD!

PRINCESS,  
WE HEARD YOU  
CRY OUT!

WHAT IS THE  
MATTER?

I...I  
SAW...

TELL ME, LITTLE EMERALD--  
WE ARE HERE TO PROTECT  
YOU NOW.

IT WAS A VISION--OR AN  
OMEN! A--A TERRIBLE  
FATE AWAITS US ALL!

THERE,  
CHILD

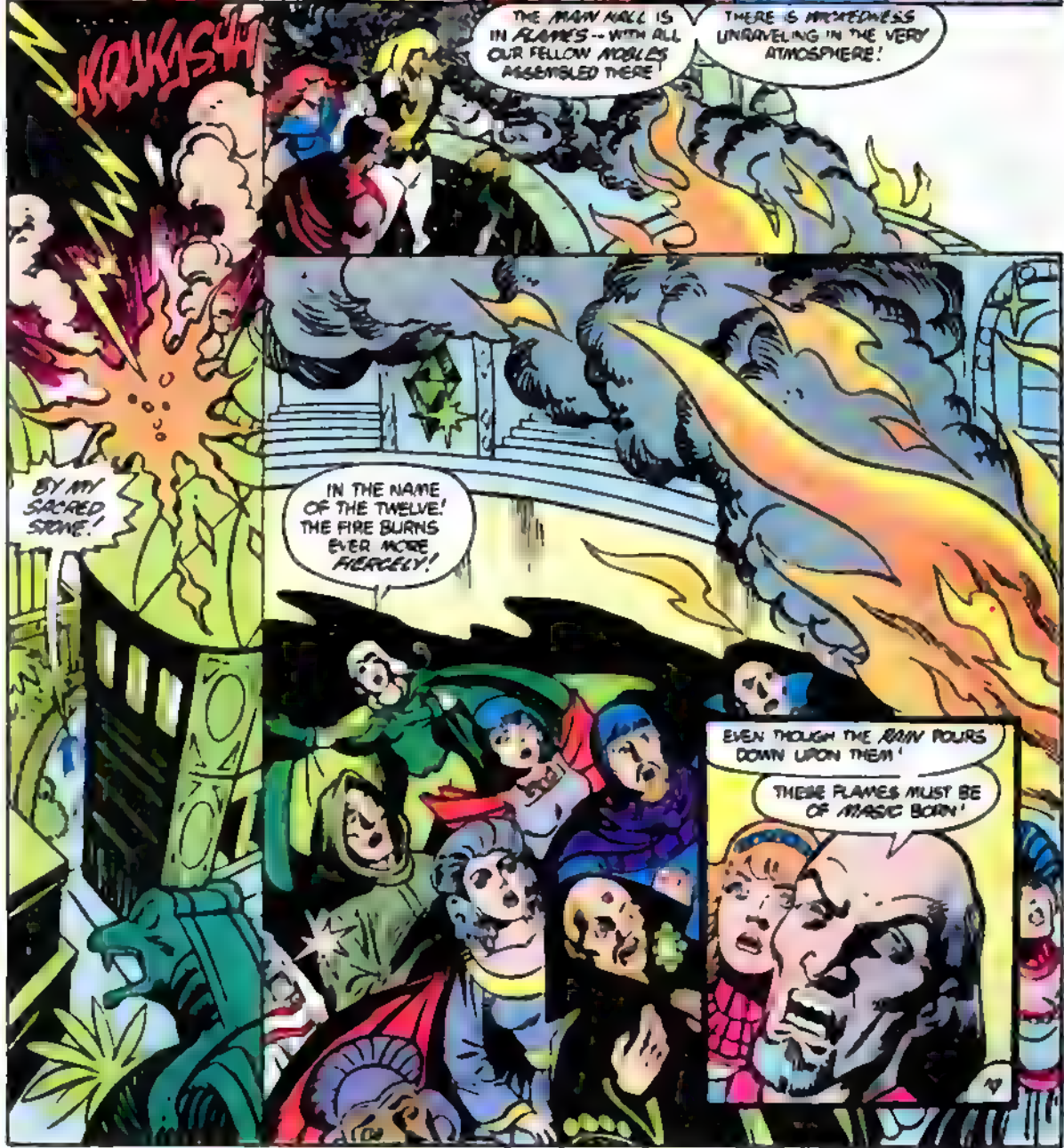
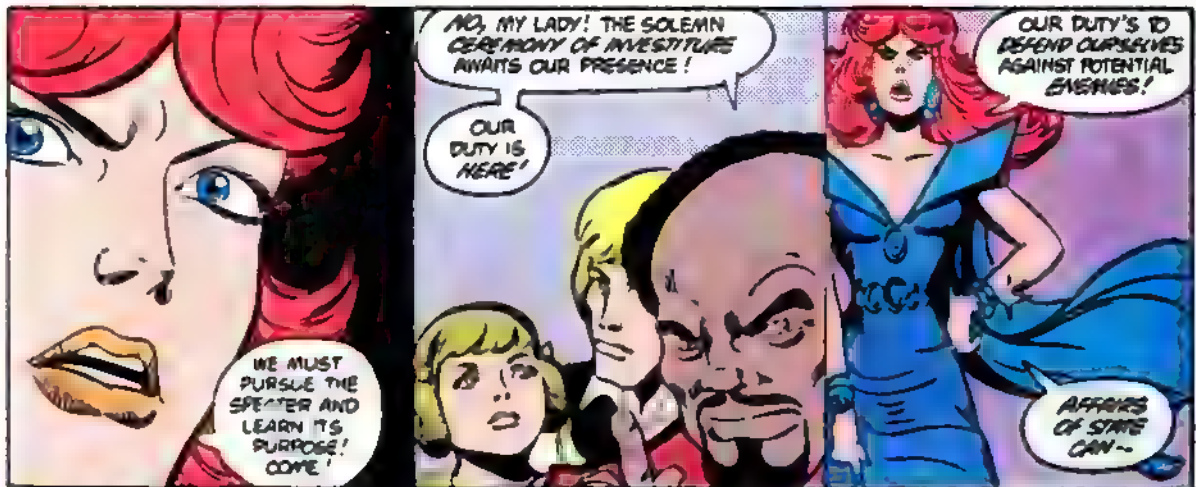
PERHAPS, LITTLE  
ONE, IT WAS A  
TRICK OF THE  
STORM, THE LIGHTNING  
PLAYING SHADOWS!

THE GIRL  
SPEAKS  
TRULY!

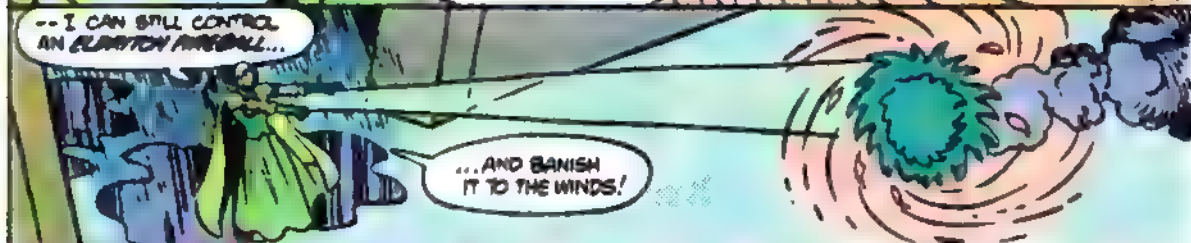
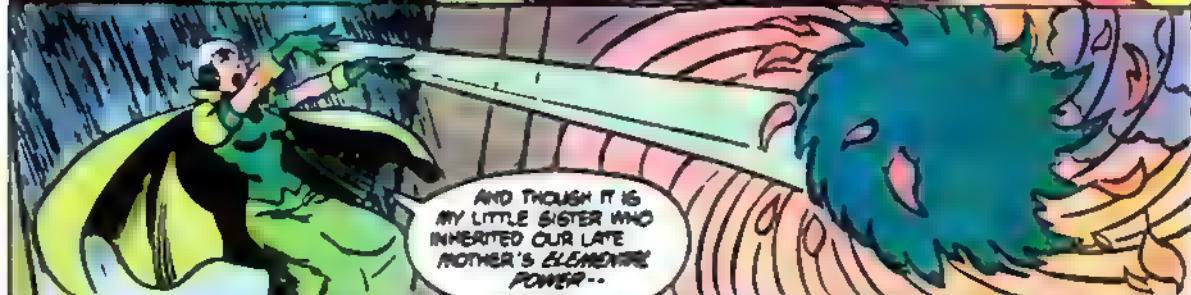
LOOK!

NO, PRINCE  
TODAY? IT  
WAS REAL!











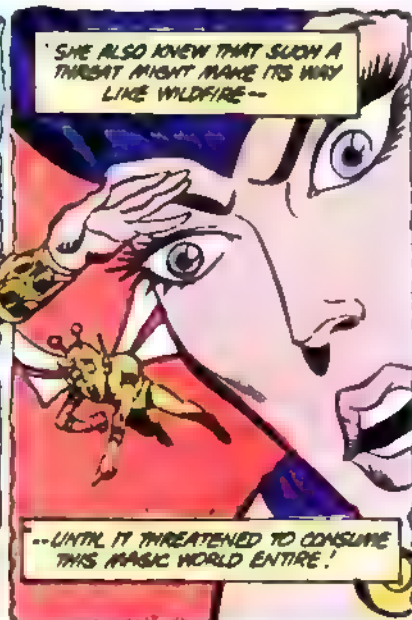






"AND LONG AGO, OUR ANCESTORS WERE SUBJECTS OF YOUR MOTHER'S."

"THOUGH HUMANS OFTEN LOOKED ON THEM WITH THINLY VEILED DISDAIN!"

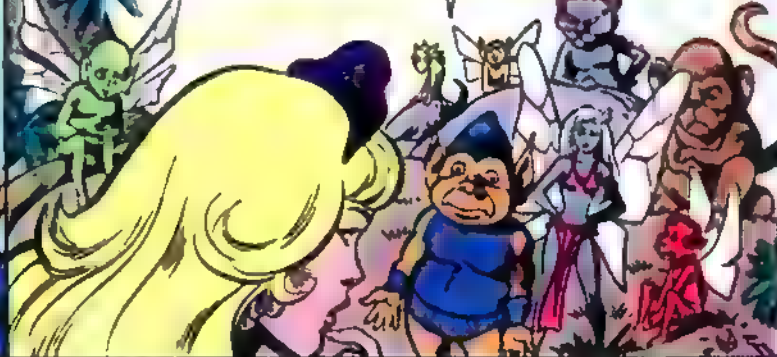
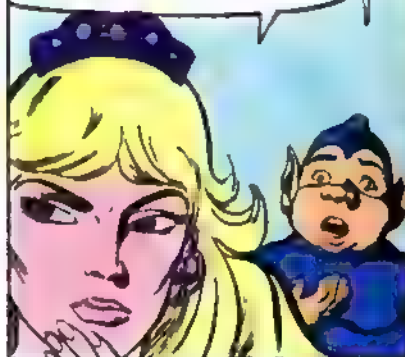




THE DRAGON-WORM IS JUST ONE  
SIGN THAT SOMETHING'S STIRRING  
DOWN BELOW  
THE SURFACE OF THE LAND OF OPAL!  
IT'S HAS BEGUN TO GROW!  
BUT ARE YOU SURE THAT IT'S--

...THE LAND OF OPAL?'  
IS THAT WHAT THIS  
PLACE IS?!

INDEED! FOR NATURE HAS RECLAIMED  
THE PLACE THAT WAS FOR DARKNESS  
NAMED!  
AND JUST THE HOME FOR US WAS THAT--  
AWAY FROM HUMAN HABITAT!

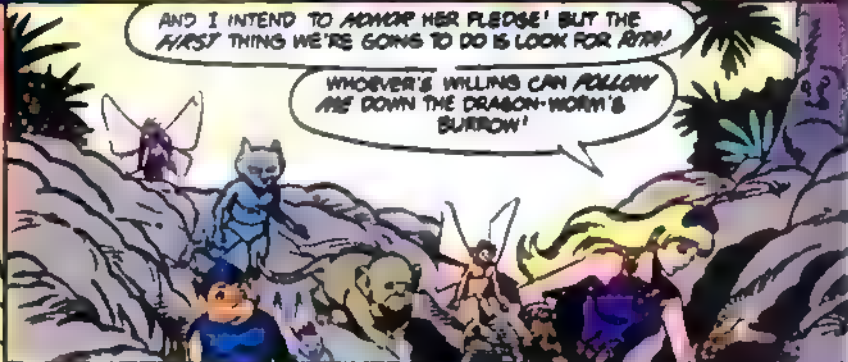


AND YOUR MISTRUST OF  
HUMANS IS SO GREAT THAT  
EVEN THOUGH YOU WANTED  
MY HELP--

-- YOU FELT YOU HAD  
TO TRICK ME TO  
GET IT!

AND I INTEND TO ADVANCE HER PLEDGE! BUT THE  
FIRST THING WE'RE GOING TO DO IS LOOK FOR RITA!

WHOEVER'S WILLING CAN FOLLOW  
ME DOWN THE DRAGON-WORM'S  
BURROW!



AND SOON--

WHAT'S THIS BEAST OF  
YOURS SUPPOSED TO  
LOOK LIKE ANYWAY?

NOT ONE OF US  
THERE THAT DAY TO LOOK  
IT IN THE EYE,

BUT THE CREATURE  
WAS FEROCIOUS... AND  
THEY SAY IT WOULD  
NOT DIE!

PRINCESS, WAIT! BEHOLD  
WHAT LIES UPON OUR  
PATH...

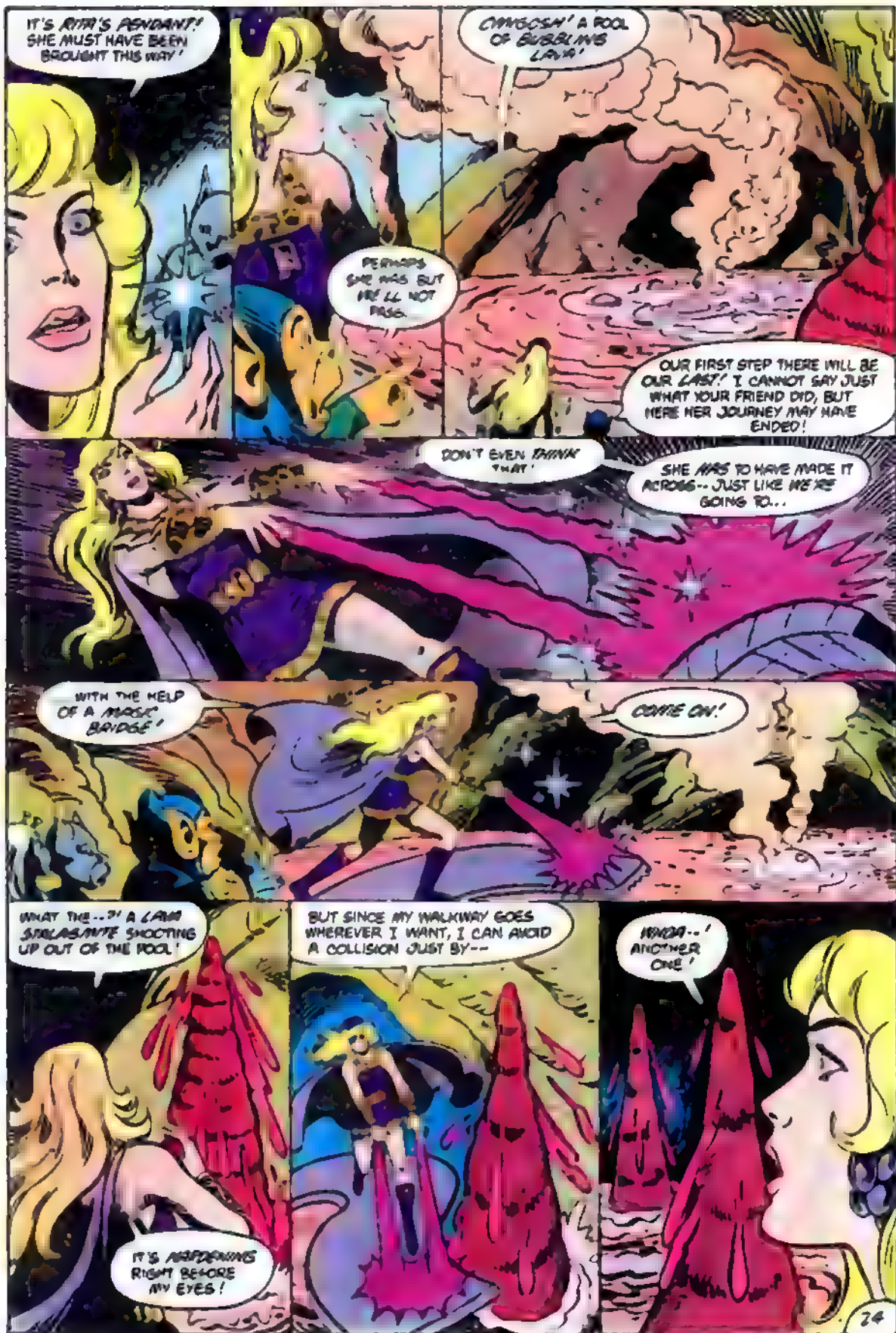
AN OPAL SCENE--  
NOT ROUGHLY HEWN  
FROM BEDROCK BUT MOST  
PERFECTLY FORMED!

STILL, MY MOTHER  
PROMISED SHE'D LOOK  
OUT FOR YOU IF THE  
MONSTER RETURNED...

LET ME  
SEE  
THAT...



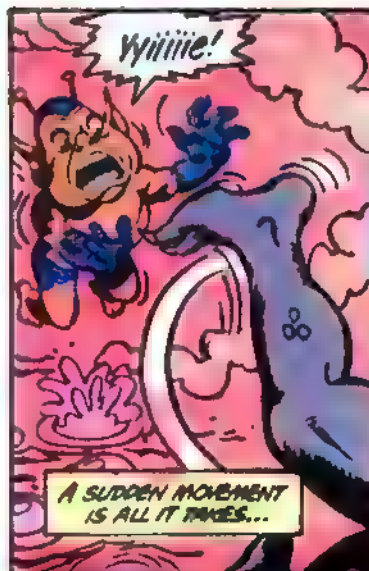












Wiiiie!

A SUDDEN MOVEMENT  
IS ALL IT TAKES...



...TO OPEN DEATH'S  
DOOR...

...AND STILL A  
TINY VOICE  
FOREVER.



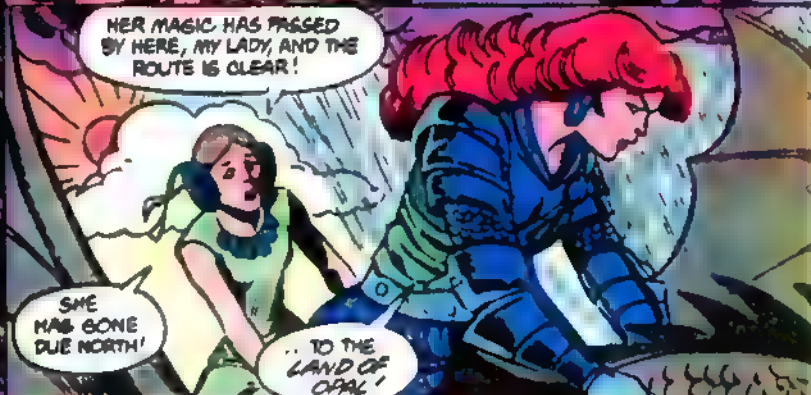
THAT FACT, HOWEVER, IS LOST  
ON ALL BUT ONE...

...AND THAT ONE  
ISN'T TELLING!



WHILE IN STORMY SKIES  
ABOVE THE GEMWORLD'S  
SURFACE...

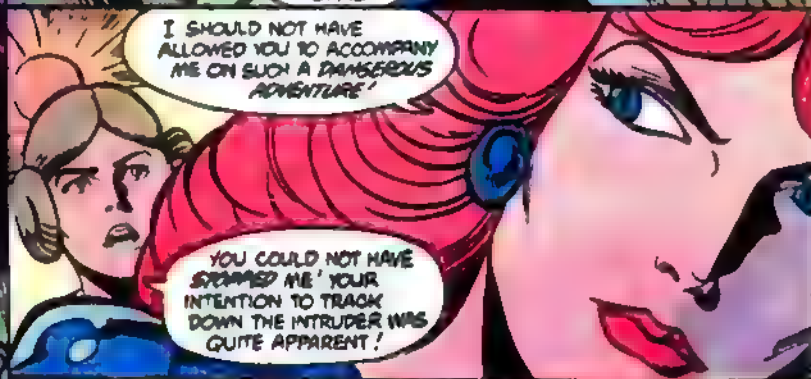
DO YOU STILL  
SENSE OUR  
QUARRY'S  
TRAIL, LITTLE  
PRINCESS?



HER MAGIC HAS PASSED  
BY HERE, MY LADY, AND THE  
ROUTE IS CLEAR!

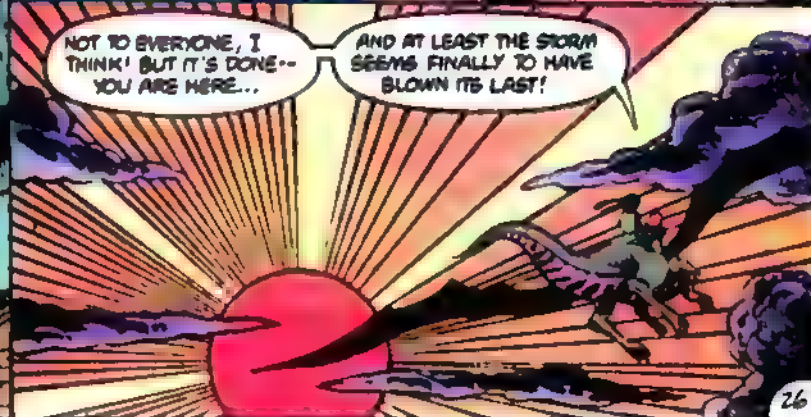
SHE  
HAS GONE  
DUE NORTH!

... TO THE  
LAND OF  
OPAL!



I SHOULD NOT HAVE  
ALLOWED YOU TO ACCOMPANY  
ME ON SUCH A DANGEROUS  
ADVENTURE!

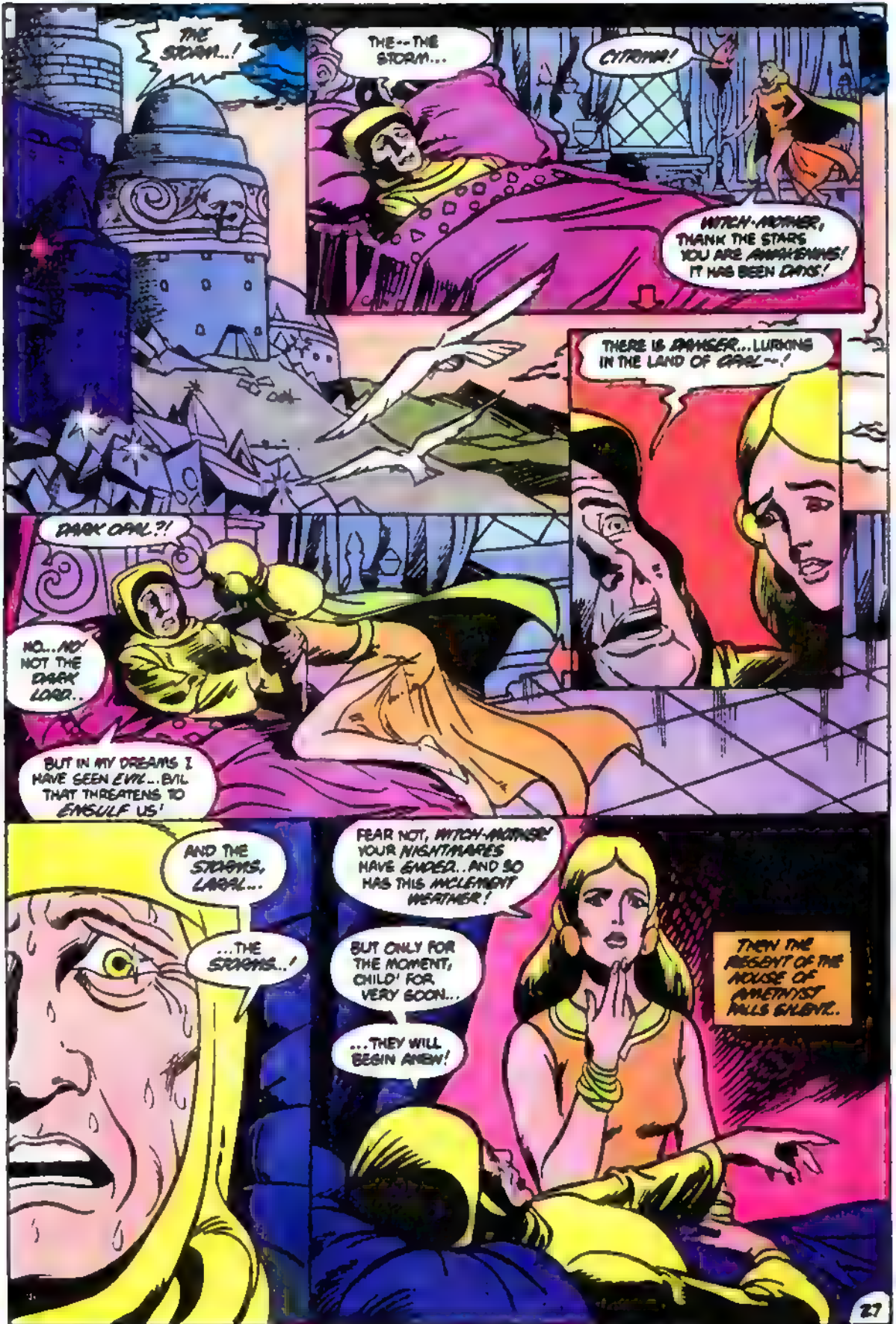
YOU COULD NOT HAVE  
STOPPED ME! YOUR  
INTENTION TO TRACK  
DOWN THE INTRUDER WAS  
QUITE APPARENT!



NOT TO EVERYONE, I  
THINK! BUT IT'S DONE--  
YOU ARE HERE...

AND AT LEAST THE STORM  
SEEMS FINALLY TO HAVE  
BLOWN ITS LAST!





THE  
STORM...!

THE--THE  
STORM...

CYTRINA!

WITCH-MOTHER,  
THANK THE STARS  
YOU ARE AWAKENING!  
IT HAS BEEN DAYS!

THERE IS DANGER...LURKING  
IN THE LAND OF GARG--!

DARK GARG?!

NO...NO!  
NOT THE  
DARK  
LORD...

BUT IN MY DREAMS I  
HAVE SEEN EVIL...EVIL  
THAT THREATENS TO  
ENVELOPE US!

AND THE  
STORMS,  
LARGAL...

...THE  
STORMS...

FEAR NOT, WITCH-MOTHER!  
YOUR NIGHTMARES  
HAVE ENDED...AND SO  
HAS THIS UNCLEMONT  
WEATHER!

BUT ONLY FOR  
THE MOMENT,  
CHILD! FOR  
VERY SOON...

...THEY WILL  
BEGIN AGAIN!

THEN THE  
REGENT OF THE  
HOUSE OF  
AMETHYST  
FALLS SILENT..



WHILE THE ONLY SOUNDS TO BE HEARD  
UPON AN UNFAMILIAR SEA ARE  
GENTLY LAPPING WAVES...

THE STEADY HUM OF  
ANCIENT MAGIC

AND THE QUIET SOUNDS OF  
A GALE BREEZE JAWAAT HAS  
TURNED TO MUFFLED BUBBLES  
AND BUBBLES

IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR  
MONSTER IS DEFINITELY  
ON THE LOOSE

THERE'S NO ONE  
IN THAT AREA  
EXCEPT HER!

THE REST  
OF YOU STAY  
ON THE  
SHORE --

...WHILE I  
GO OUT  
AND AWE  
HER

I'LL TAKE A TIP FROM THOSE  
SURFACE-SKIMMING FISH  
AND USE A SKILL BORROWED TO

HEY..!

THAT LITTLE  
SKIMMER JUST FANNED  
OUT ITS FIN! IT'S  
SCOOPIING ME UP!

AND I'LL BET THAT  
IT WASN'T JUST TRYING  
TO MAKE FRIENDS





UH OH! NOW MIGHT BE THE TIME TO APPEAL FOR THOSE LOOSTER DINNERS I HAD LAST SUMMER!

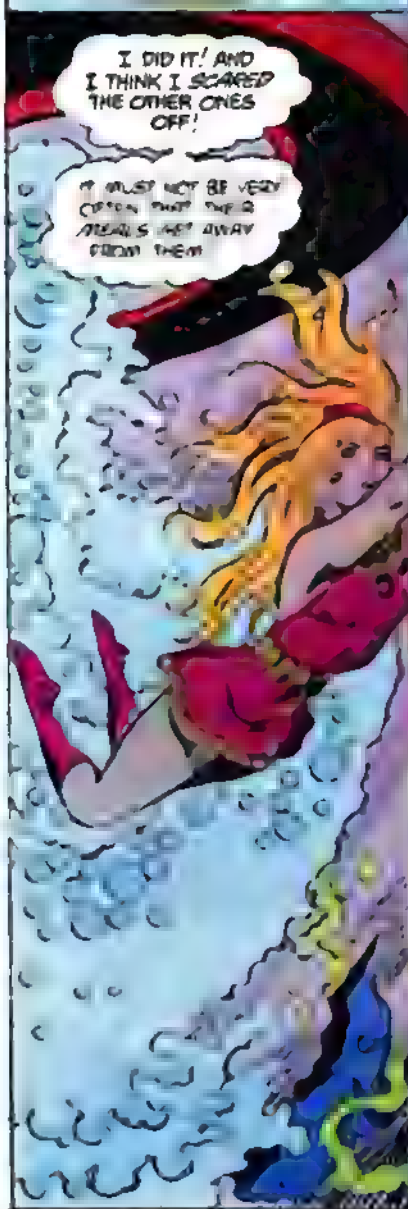
BUT I HAVE A FEELING IT WOULDN'T DO MUCH GOOD!



NO WAY I CAN BREAK AWAY FROM THIS THING IN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS! I'M BETTER OFF LETTING IT PULL ME DOWN!

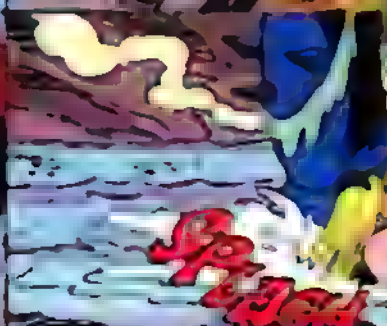


AND SAVING MY STRENGTH FOR SHREDDING ARIAN! THROUGH!



I DID IT! AND I THINK I SCARED THE OTHER ONES OFF!

IT MUST NOT BE VERY OFTEN THAT THE 2 MEALS GET AWAY FROM THEM



YARR!

CALM DOWN, RITA IS ME!



YOU'RE SAFE NOW! I'M GETTING YOU OUT OF HERE AND TAKING YOU HOME!

YOU ARE? D. REALLY?



SURE! YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS GOING TO --



WAIT A SEC! SCOFF: WHAT'S HAPPENING?





THIS FIRST STARTED  
BLOWING OUT THE MOMENT  
I OPENED THE PRISON!

AND NOW IT'S SWIRLING  
TOWARD THE SHORE... AND  
MOVING LIKE THE DEVIL!



MIRUM!  
AT LAST!

ALL MY SORCERY--THE MAGIC  
THAT ONCE MADE THE SEAWORLD  
TREMBLE--IS RETURNED TO ME!  
I AM INVULNERABLE AGAIN!

FOR THOUGH WITH  
SPECIAL HELP I FREED  
MY BODY FROM  
ITS CASE...

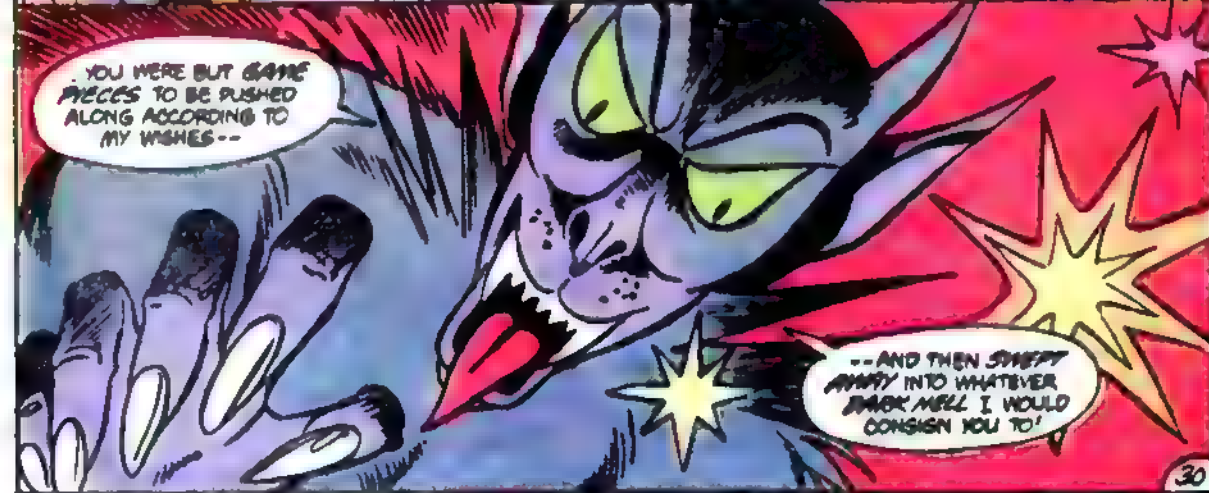


... ONLY AN ANTI-MAGIC  
COULD RELEASE THE  
MAGIC FROM  
IMPRISONED THERE!



SHE HAS  
DONE EXACTLY  
AS I PLANNED!  
MIRUM-MIRUM-  
MR!

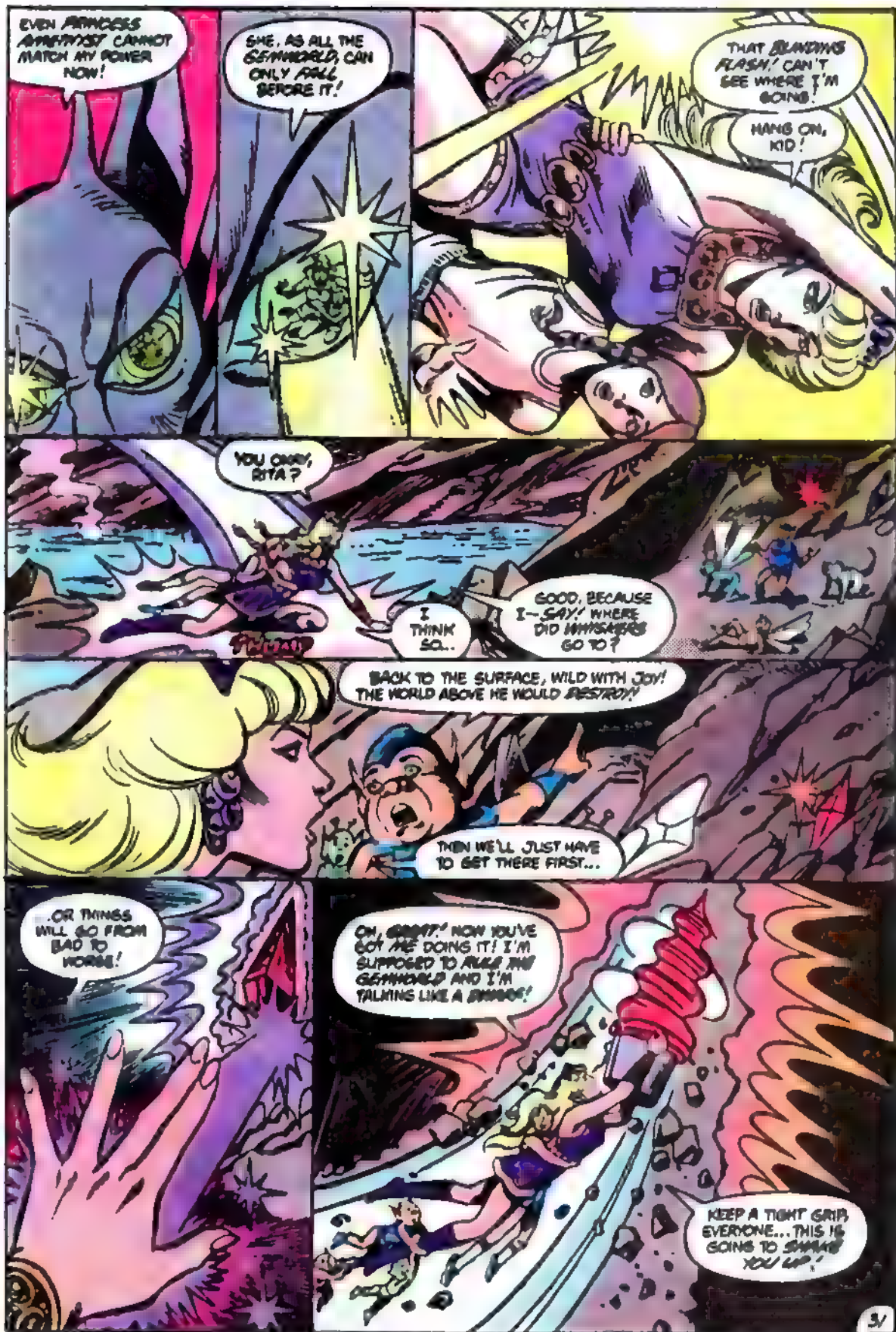
AND AS FOR ALL YOU  
STUPID LITTLE CREATURES  
WHO THOUGHT ME ONE  
OF YOU...



YOU WERE BUT GAME  
PIECES TO BE PUSHED  
ALONG ACCORDING TO  
MY WISHES--

--AND THEN SWEEP  
AWAY INTO WHATEVER  
SMACK HELL I WOULD  
CONSIGN YOU TO!





EVEN PRINCESS  
ADRIANNE CANNOT  
MATCH MY POWER  
NOW!

SHE, AS ALL THE  
GEMWORLD, CAN  
ONLY FALL  
BEFORE IT!

THAT BLINDING  
FLASH, CAN'T  
SEE WHERE I'M  
GOING.

HANG ON,  
KID!

YOU ONLY,  
RYA?

I  
THINK  
SO...

GOOD, BECAUSE  
I-SAY! WHERE  
DID WHISKERS  
GO TO?

BACK TO THE SURFACE, WILD WITH JOY!  
THE WORLD ABOVE HE WOULD RESTRAIN!

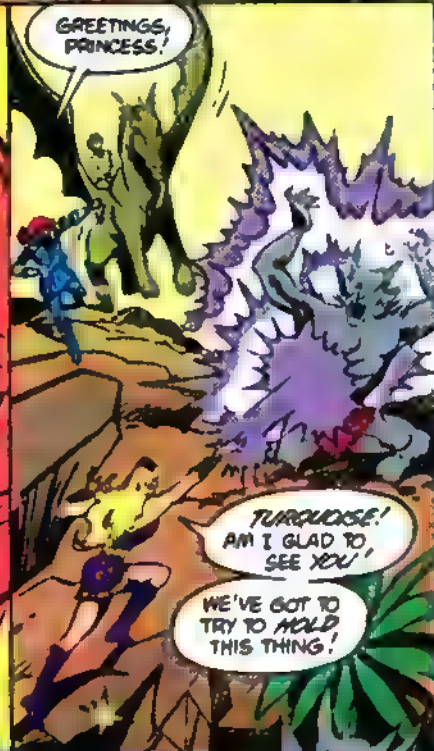
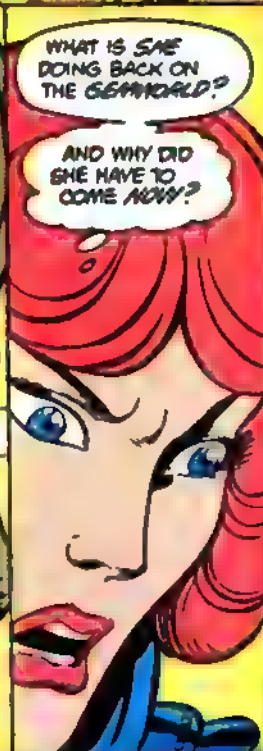
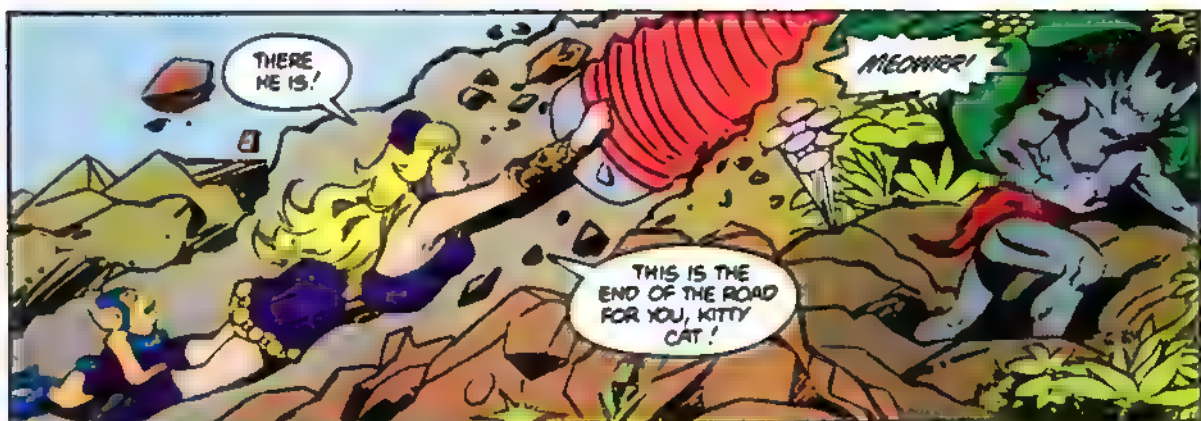
THEN WE'LL JUST HAVE  
TO GET THERE FIRST...

OR THINGS  
WILL GO FROM  
BAD TO  
WORSE!

OH, GROSS! NOW YOU'VE  
GOT ME DOING IT! I'M  
SUPPOSED TO RULE THE  
GEMWORLD AND I'M  
TALKING LIKE A SWAB!

KEEP A TIGHT GRIP,  
EVERYONE...THIS IS  
GOING TO SHAKE  
YOU UP!







EMERALD! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GET BACK!

NO PRINCESS! MY EMPATHY WITH CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL WILL HELP ME TO DIVINE ITS NATURE...

"YES! I SEE IT NOW--A SMALLER ROOM--LOVE AND IT WAS A WIZARD'S HOME AND...

AND WHEN OUR ANCESTORS LEFT THIS PLACE TO FIND THE SEVENTH WORLD, THE BEST WAS LEFT BEHIND!

BUT ALTHOUGH ABANDONED THE SPIRIT OF LOVE'S MASTER...AND ENTERED THE WORLD AT THE LAST AVAILABLE MOMENT

"...ON THE WORLD CALLED EARTH."

"...ONLY TO HAVE A WAY IN THE PLACE BETWEEN WORLDS."

\* THROUGH MANY REALMS IT SEARCHED FOR THE WIZARD--AND IN ITS JOURNALS WAS ALTERED BY THE ALIVE FORCES IT ENCOUNTERED

\* WHEN AT LAST IT REACHED THE SEVENTH WORLD, IT WAS FAR MORE THAN A WIZARD'S PET

"AND WAS MORE DANGEROUS"

PERHAPS IT WAS THE END OF THE CIVIL BLOODLINE THAT WEAKENED ITS PRISON ENOUGH FOR THE CREATURE TO ESCAPE!

AND YET I SENSE ANOTHER FORCE AT WORK...



SO YOU DO, CHILD! BUT IT IS A FORCE BEYOND YOUR KEN... THE FORCE THAT WILL OBLITERATE YOU! AAAAAAAAAH

REBORN! WHAT DOES IT MATTER...

**RRIIP**

...WHEN A GREATER PERIL IS AT HAND?



WHO'S THAT?!



NO! THE CAT IS SHREDDING OUR SPELL! HOW MANY TIMES DO WE HAVE TO BEAT HIM?

DEFEAT TEN OR FIVE THOUSAND, AMETHYST! ALL YOUR VICTORIES WILL BE MILESTONES AT THE END OF YOUR STRUGGLES. I WILL STILL BE HERE...

...AND I WILL BE YOUR ENEMY! AAAAAAAAAH

SHE'S MOVING AWAY!

AMETHYST HAS FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THE CREATURE FOR THE MOMENT.

BUT I CAN MAKE THE BRANCHES OF THE TREE GROW WILD AND ENRAGE IT!

HOW MANY MENACES DO WE HAVE TO FACE BEFORE THE GEMMERS SAFE?

REBORN! THIS WILL NOT HOLD ME!





I'LL REND THESE LIMBS AND-- AND THEN--

HE'S FEELING CORNERED. COMPELLED! NOW'S OUR CHANCE--



--TO GRAB HIM!

MYAAROW!

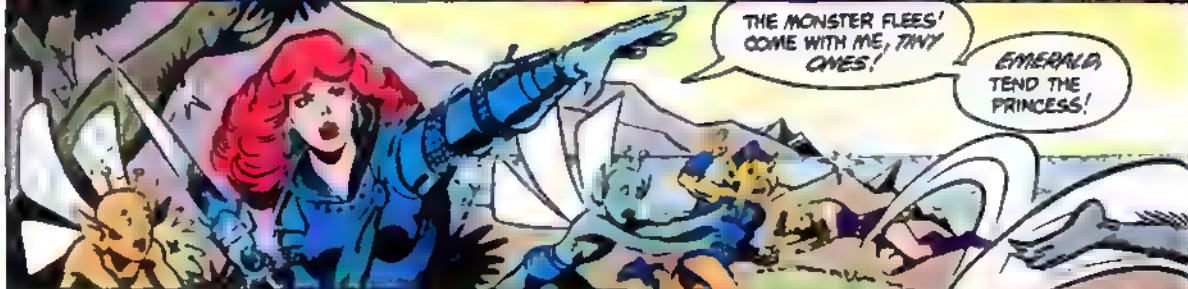


BY MY SWORD! HE WRIGGLED FREE AND--

AMETHYST!

MYAAR! MY CLAWS CAN SLICE YOUR LIMBS AS WELL!

RAASH!



THE MONSTER FLEES! COME WITH ME, TINY ONES!

EMERALD, TEND THE PRINCESS!



HOLD FAST NOW, MY LITTLES! IF IT LEAPS ACROSS THE RIVER, IT'S AS GOOD AS GONE...

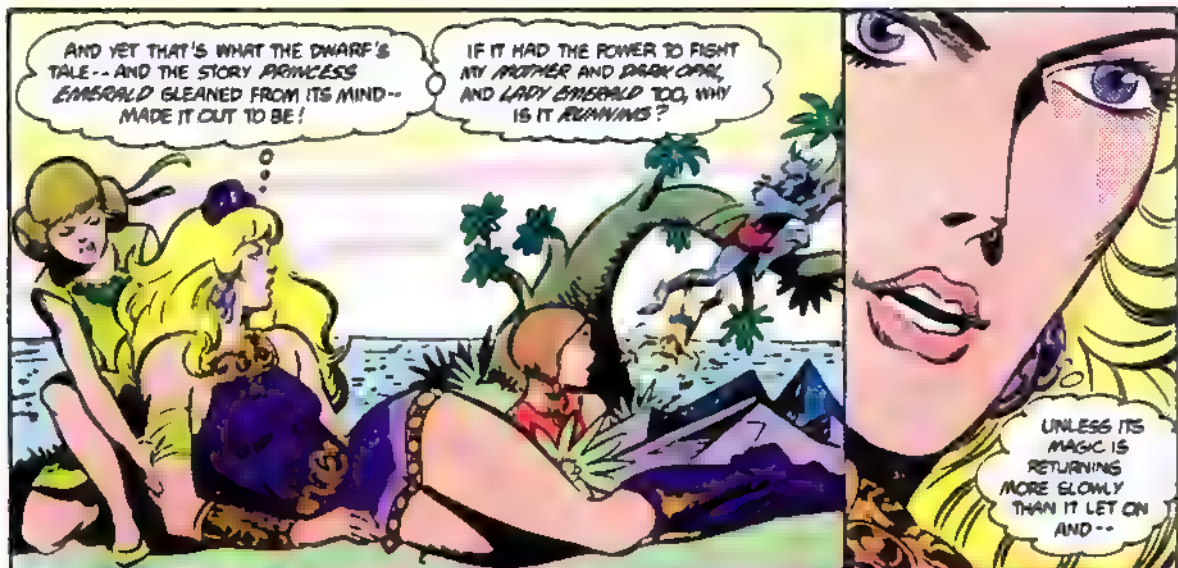
...FOR SPEED AND AGILITY ARE ITS GREATEST ASSETS!



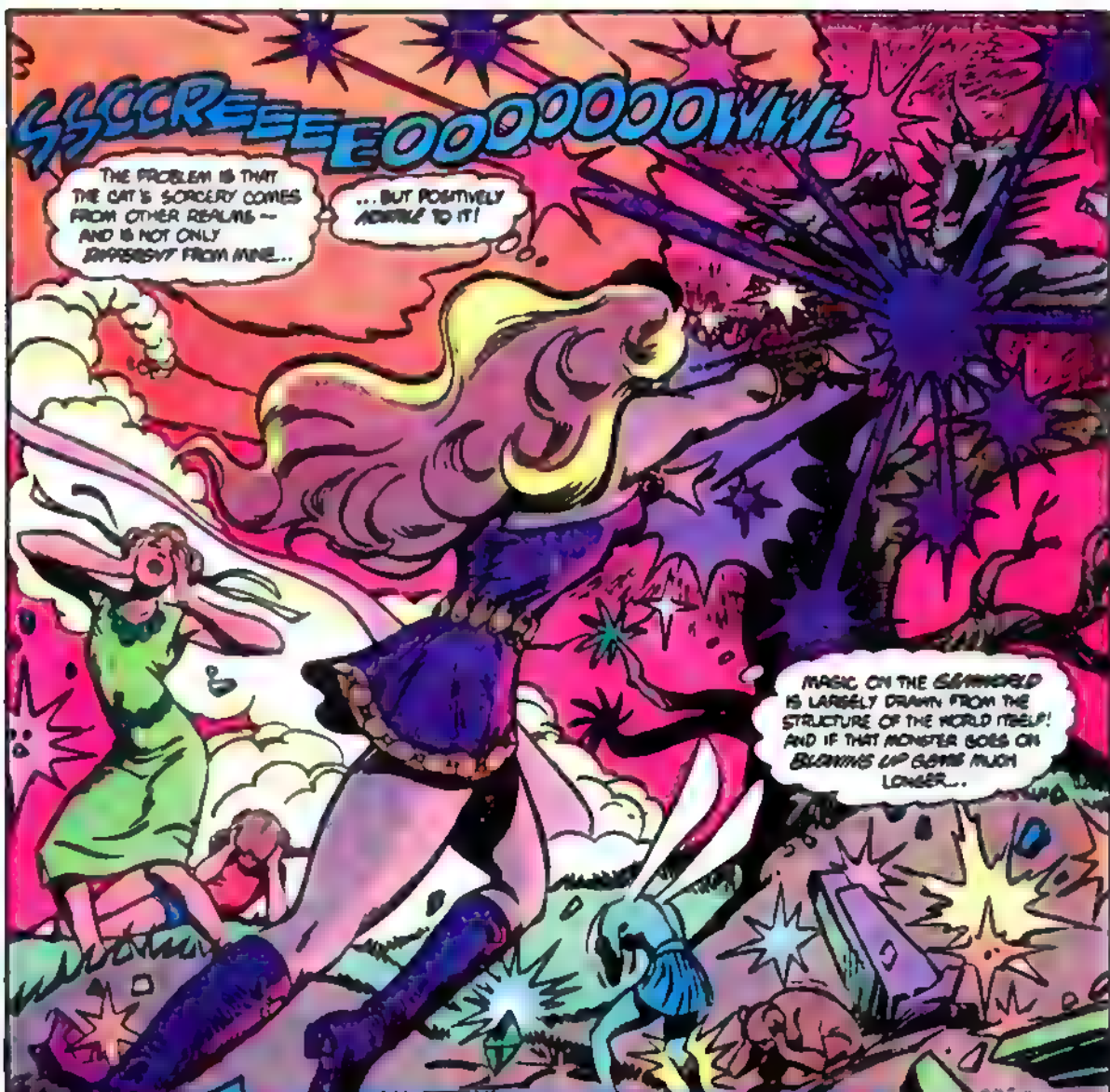
BUT THEY WILL NOT BE NEARLY ENOUGH! FIERCE THIS BEAST MAY BE...

...BUT SURELY IT IS NO WRECKER OF WORLDS!









THE PROBLEM IS THAT  
THE CAT'S SORCERY COMES  
FROM OTHER REALMS --  
AND IS NOT ONLY  
DIFFERENT FROM MINE...

... BUT POSITIVELY  
ADAPTABLE TO IT!

MAGIC ON THE SEAWORLD  
IS LARGELY DRAWN FROM THE  
STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD ITSELF!  
AND IF THAT MONSTER GOES ON  
BLOWING UP CITIES MUCH  
LONGER...



... THERE'LL SOON  
BE VERY LITTLE  
MAGIC HERE AT ALL  
EXCEPT ITS OWN!

I'VE GOT TO TRY  
ANOTHER TRICKS...  
SOMETHING LESS  
DIRECT!

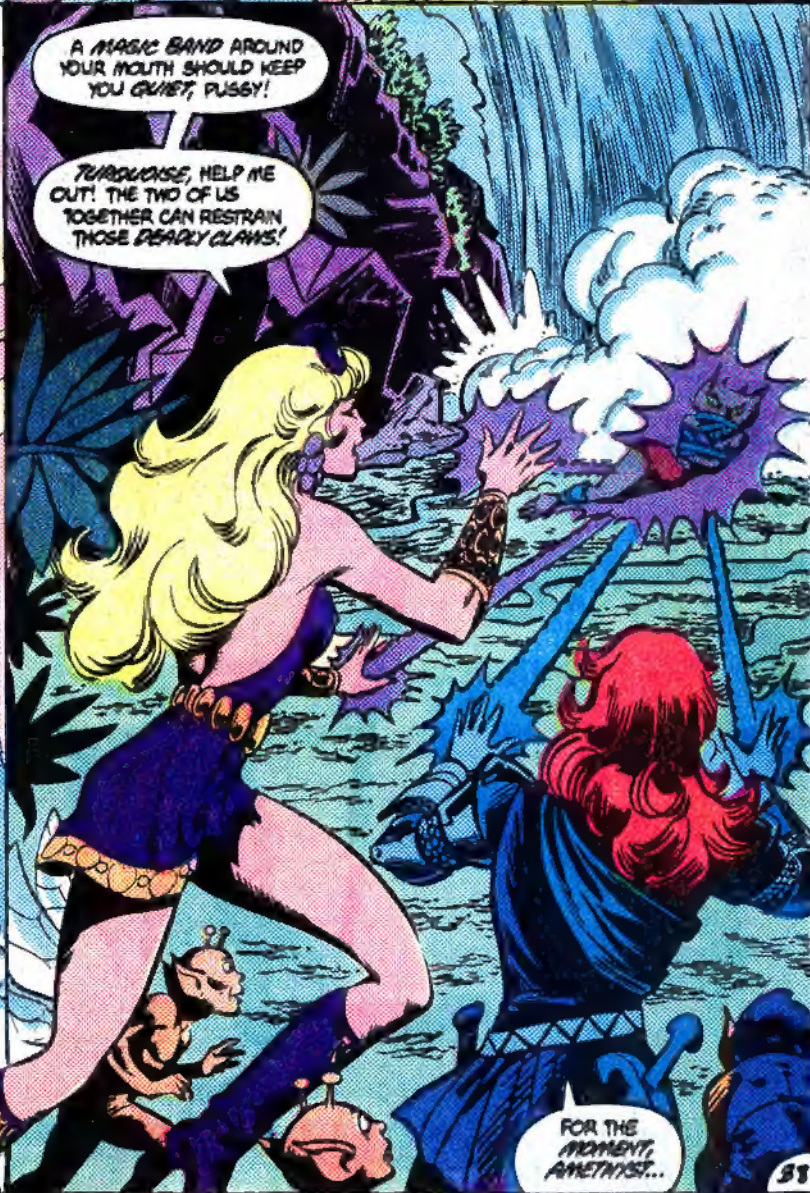
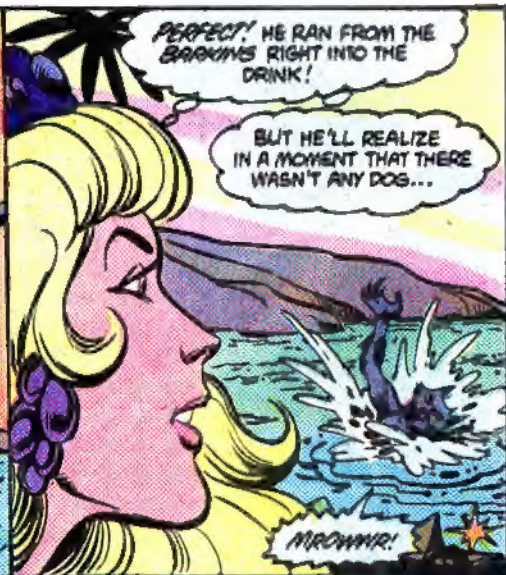
PERHAPS...

DESPITE THE CREATURE'S  
POWER, I NOTICED IT'S  
STILL ACTING LIKE A  
CAT!

IT WAS AWFULLY  
CAREFUL TO AVOID  
GETTING INTO THE  
WATER!

SO MAYBE I CAN  
GIVE THE HOUSECAT  
IN IT A LITTLE  
SURPRISE...







BUT THEN WHAT DO WE DO WITH IT? IT TOOK THREE OF THE MIGHTIEST NOBLES TO IMPRISON THE MONSTER IN DAYS OF OLD...

... AND EVEN THEY WITHOUT COMPLETE SUCCESS, AS WE HAVE SEEN!

IF YOU RECALL MY STORY--

-- YOU WILL KNOW THE REASON WHY! THEY MADE IT LIVE INSIDE A CAGE BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT DIE!

THERE MIGHT BE ONE OTHER OPTION! AMETHYST COULD TAKE THE BEAST WITH HER TO EARTH!

TO EARTH?? YOU MUST BE--

WAIT! I GET IT! MAGIC HARDLY EXISTS AT ALL ON EARTH... SO THE CREATURE WOULD PROBABLY JUST BECOME A CAT AGAIN!

IT'S WORTH A TRY!

BUT WHO'LL WATCH OUT FOR RITA WHILE I'M MAKING SURE THE CREATURE DOESN'T GET LOOSE?

I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU AND YOUR FRIEND, PRINCESS, IF YOU WILL THEN RETURN ME TO THE GEMWORLD!

GREAT! TURQUOISE CAN GUARD THIS END OF THE PORTAL AND WAIT FOR YOU!

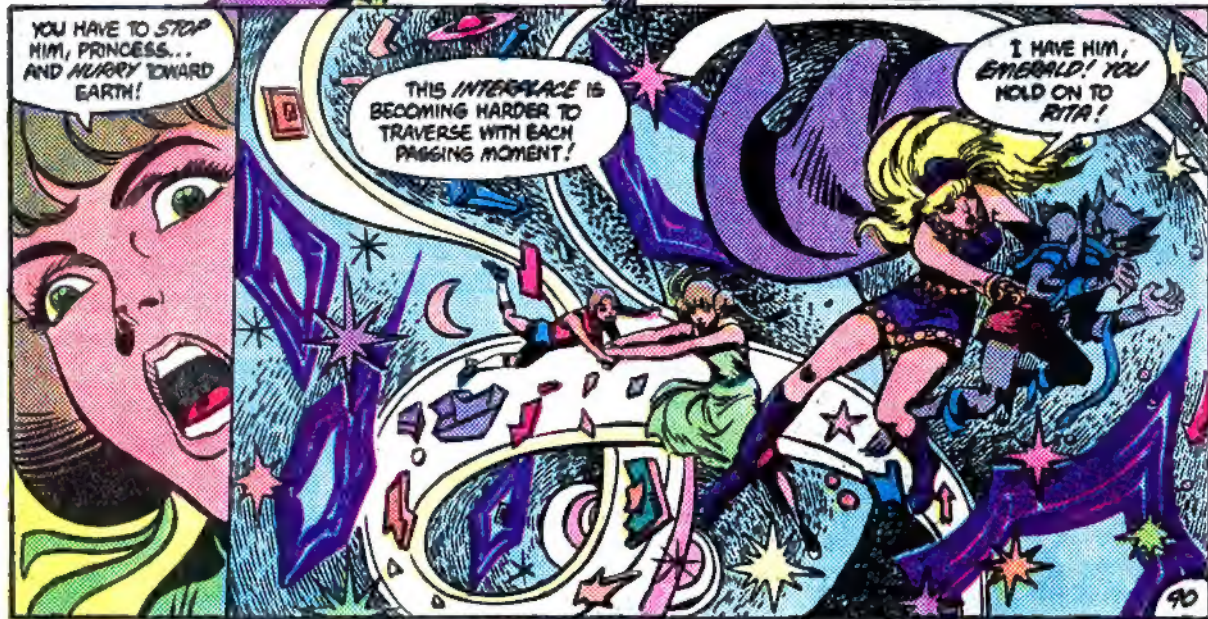
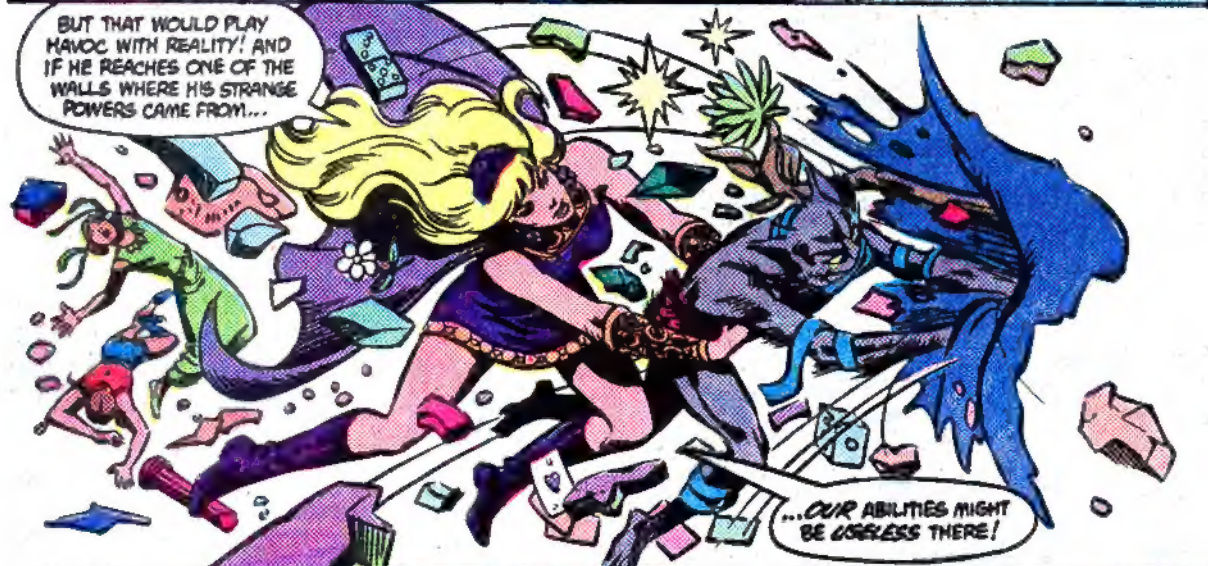
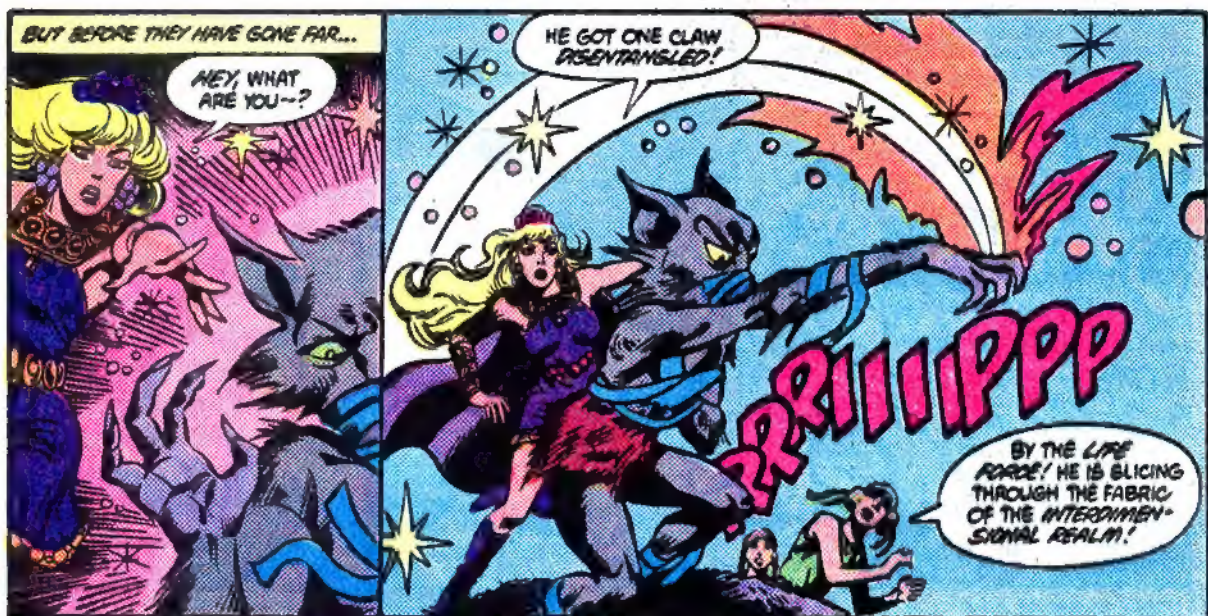
AND LISTEN: TELL TOPAZ...

PRINCE TOPAZ? TELL HIM WHAT?

NO... YOU'D BETTER NOT SAY ANYTHING...

COME ON, LET'S GO!









WILL ANY RETURN TO THE GENWORLD? WILL THE GENWORLD SURVIVE WITHOUT HER? SURPRISING ANSWERS, EVEN MORE QUESTIONS, AND BOLD ADVENTURES ARE COMING YOUR WAY WHEN OUR BRAND-NEW FIRST ISSUE GOES ON SALE IN OCTOBER! BE THERE! WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU!

*The End*